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7th MIKTA Speakers' Consultation

Joint Statement

“Effective parliaments supporting democracy”

1. We, the Speakers of the Parliaments of MIKTA (Mexico, Indonesia, Korea, Turkey, and Australia), attended the virtual meeting of the 7th MIKTA Speakers' Consultation, which was hosted by the Parliament of Australia on February 7, 2022. We met again to learn from each other's experience and considered the theme of “Effective Parliaments Supporting Democracy.”
2. Once again, the MIKTA Speakers' Consultation aims at fostering tolerance and understanding to make its contribution to the international community. We seek to ensure that government measures promote peace and prosperity, sustainable development, promotion of social inclusion and at the very heart – democratic values.
3. We recognised the continued complex challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has presented - accelerating structural changes to the established global order, parliaments need to continue to provide guidance and hold governments to account.
4. The rise of misinformation, disinformation, fake news and political polarisation in the wake of the pandemic has made the task of parliamentary oversight more difficult and can undermine democratic process. We recognised that strong democracies require strong parliaments.
5. We acknowledged the need for parliaments to strengthen processes and stand firm on overseeing government policy, in an unprecedented era where necessity has required imperative judgements to maintain the health and safety of citizens. We noted the critical role of MIKTA parliaments in leading responses and cooperation at the national, regional, and global levels.



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6. At a time where the equitable and timely global distribution of COVID-19 vaccines is critical for longer-term economic recovery, we call for solidarity within the international community. We recognised that parliamentary diplomacy can strengthen international cooperation and support global solutions to important humanitarian issues such as immigration.

7. We agreed that the parliaments of MIKTA must exert their leadership in addressing racism, religious intolerance and xenophobia to model the pathway to a safer world for all. With a continued focus on those who are in socially and economically vulnerable situations, who often bear the brunt of worldwide calamities, we reported that the parliaments of MIKTA have set about to fulfill their duties and responsibilities in presenting sustainable and effective measures that meet the needs and expectations of their citizens.

8. We thanked the Parliament of Australia for hosting the 7th MIKTA Speakers' Consultation. We support the MIKTA Speakers' Consultation as a forum for inter-parliamentary collaboration. In sharing our diverse points of view we are united in a common goal of acting for the good of the international community. We look forward to our continued discussion at the 8th MIKTA Speakers' Consultation in Turkey.

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