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The world is still ravaged by conflicts, political misperceptions and poverty which still need to be addressed so that harmony, understanding, and equitable sharing of resources and can be actualized in the interest of world peace and unprejudiced international cooperation.

The recognition of the right of the Palestinian people for a state of their own, along side Israel, and a peaceful Middle East Region are still fundamental aims to be achieved so strengthen world peace and security.

In this new Post Cold War era, internal conflicts are replacing inter-State confrontations in International Affairs and any new situation demands a fresh approach, so is the need for a new outlook in order to have sustainable regional and international stability.

Poverty and underdevelopment cannot be disassociated from the increased international tension and conflict which afflicts the political stability in various parts of the world, thus poisoning normal relationship between nations, since boundaries are pointless in this age of global interaction.

There can be no human security unless this reality of inter-connectedness is taken into proper consideration in all our policy and decision making processes.

Today, the balance of rational reasoning is the only source of guarantee to international security rather than relying on the imbalances of force.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen;

The reform of the United Nations is one of the crucial ways to face all of these new challenges of this new Millennium by making our organization more Democratic, transparent, efficient, and capable to respond to the diverse aspirations and concerns of the different components of the International Community, at Continental and Regional levels.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen;

Let me know turn to the current developments in my home country, Somalia. The conflict situation which prevailed in Somalia for the past 14 years is attributed basically to the failure of adequate international response.

It is a matter of public domain that the up surge of civil war has led to a total collapse of our national institutions and infrastructures with all, drastic consequences and grave implications for the stability of the region and international peace and security, as well.

I'm not here to dwell at length on the causes of the conflict, but on its costs and consequences, since evil could originate imperceptible man made tragedies and circumstances.

International political indifferences and sense of inertia have characterized the conduct of the International Community which has aggravated the civil war and allowed unabated human suffering and environmental destruction to continue. Whaman sufferipp 1 8.65 714.9

opinion to undermine the achievements of a 2 year long reconciliation process and with a view of perpetuating anarchy and chaos.

However, direct dialogue will be our key instrument to promote inter-institutional cooperation, without sacrificing the aspirations of our people and no group will be ever denied to have their independent political platform within the context of normal and acceptable parliamentary and constitutional traditions.

We feel that stability of Somalia should not solely be the work of the Somalis as wickedly propagated or oftenly repeated. Though the responsibility of past failure is partly ours, the International Community has no excuse in distancing itself regardless of whatever situation prevails.

It is therefore, our firm belief that they should come to fully support our efforts in this crucial institutional consolidation process, so as to fully restore peace and stability for the sake of nation building and reconstruction of our country, knowing that everything has to start from scratch.

The absence of a firm support to regain Somalia back into the fold of the International Community and making it stable will only play into the hands of International terrorism and those who promote the continuation of an environment of chaos and lawlessness.

In conclusion, the Transitional Federal Government finds this podium as the appropriate stance to launch a vibrant appeal to the members of the International Community to come to the aid of Somalia with all their determination and resources to help our people overcome 14 years of civil war and consequent deterioration in all spheres of life, which will not only be contributive in safeguarding regional stability but also that of the International Community as well.

The Transitional Federal Government strongly urges the United Nations to support the current IGAD/AU efforts in sending a peace stabilization mission to Somalia in order to help restore peace and security and prevent reoccurrence of hostilities and violence again, so that the transition period will be instrumental in establishing the democratic society and long lasting peace.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen;

If the values of solidarity have to prevail as far as Somalia is concerned, then we sincerely hope and urgently call upon the International Community to act swiftly with no more wait and see attitudes which could produce an undesired slide back rather than forging ahead toward stability and institutional consolidation.

In the name of our people, men, women, children, elders, displaced families and our deprived young generations, I strongly appeal before this August Assembly and hope that our plea will be heeded in all humble consciousness.

Thank you.