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Draft Speech for Hon. Krapović (Montenegro)

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Focus on: Principle of “Participation” and “whole-of government approach”.

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Madame/Mr. Chair, dear colleagues,

Today, we are faced with a number of unprecedented crises, resulting among others from Climate Change, Covid and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. It is an absolute priority to **transform our institutions**.

This process cannot be limited to policymakers. The increasing lack of trust in public institutions is a major obstacle to the achievement of our goals, and we must facilitate the direct **participation** of citizens in the decision-making process.

I am truly convinced that it is necessary to adopt a “**whole-of-government**” approach that can reinforce **Recommended Strategies**. On its side, PAM is committed to promoting **free and fair elections**, and it has prepared a number of Electoral Monitoring Missions in Greece, Kazakhstan, Mauritania, Montenegro and Türkiye.

Secondly, **multi-stakeholder forums** are an essential tool. I wish to recall that PAM recently organized its first “**Euro-Mediterranean and Gulf Economic Forum**”, which gathered more than 70 delegations from member states, international organizations, the private sector, academia and the civil society, producing key recommendations on main socio-economic and climate-related challenges in our regions, including for the key sectors of Energy, Food Security and Tourism.

Last but not least, we must foster **women participation**, and PAM has recently established the Women Parliamentary Forum, to promote women’s participation, representation and empowerment, at all levels, thus encouraging the adoption **gender-responsive parliamentary budgeting strategies**.

Let me conclude by saying that as **Parliamentarians** we must play a pivotal role in fostering citizens’ participation, on which, I believe, the achievement of the **SDGs** will greatly depend.

Thank you all very much.