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Object : Motivations for application - Science and Technology Working Group

Dear Colleagues,

I hereby submit my candidacy for the Presidency of the High Level Working Group "Science and Technology", for which I have worked to create since 2018.

Indeed, in October 2018, during a speech delivered at the 139th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Geneva, I mentioned the absolute necessity for us, as parliamentarians, to take up the issue of the development of science and technology. I therefore invited the IPU parliamentarians to reflect on these issues in order to establish an international ethical charter on the use of technosciences.

In 2019, I pursued this approach with my parliamentary colleagues who were meeting in Qatar at the time, in order to ensure that everyone was interested in this topic. The creation of the working group was finally voted unanimously in October 2019. Finally, in February 2021, I had the honour of presenting my approach and my thoughts to the President of the Arab Parliament, who expressed his great interest.

In addition, this working group has been supported by the French delegation to the IPU, Mr Martin CHUNGONG, Secretary General of the IPU, the new IPU President Mr Duarte PACHECO, former President of the Twelve Plus, as well as the support of Ambassador Mokhtar OMAR and Mr Maurizio BONA, who is in charge of relations between CERN and the institutions.

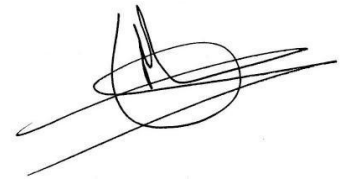
As a scientist by training, I am now convinced that, as parliamentarians, we must question technological innovation and scientific progress more than ever before, so that they can benefit as many people as possible. It is essential to ensure the ethical use of science and technology, and to establish a legal framework to ensure that machines and technologies do not take over from human beings.

The elaboration of an international ethical charter for the use and application of technosciences will be the first outcome of this working group, which I would like to chair. The objective will be to prevent all risks of societal and cultural drift that could be imposed on the world by any entity, commercial, governmental or spiritual.

As the initiator of the creation of the Science and Technology working group, and as someone who is very involved and knowledgeable on this subject, I am naturally and legitimately submitting my candidacy for the Presidency of the "Science and Technology" working group of the Twelve Plus Group.

Thanking you for your support in this matter. Please accept, Ladies and Gentlemen, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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