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**Communication after the end of the meeting of the International Secretariat, the
Chairpersons and Rapporteurs of the I.A.O. Committees.**

The International Secretariat of the I.A.O. that convened its regular Meeting on the 4th and 5th of April 2016 in the premises of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, in the presence of the President of the General Assembly Mr. Sergey Popov, addresses a warm message to all citizens of the world who advocate peace throughout the world, contribute in the achievement of mutual understanding among people, recognize the need for conciliation with the different and the other, offer assistance and provide protection to people and all vital concepts that need protection and affection.

The Secretariat insists on the view and firmly claims acknowledgment by everyone that Parliamentary Democracy is the only way for resolving the complex problems of today's world, and defends what peoples of the world have achieved against any attempt to restrict citizens' rights. The major problems that sometimes lead to questioning the democratic achievements are resolved in favor of people's interests only within the acquired democratic environment. The 70th anniversary of the end of World War II is indeed a constant reminder of this fact.

The Secretariat welcomes the decision of the Holy Orthodox Churches to convene this year the Great and Holy Council that will take place at the Orthodox Academy of Crete. The I.A.O. rejoices because in a discrete and collective manner it has contributed in the course towards the convention. It is also looking forward to the Council's decision documents in order to further highlight them, as Orthodoxy is the Church of conciliarity.

The Secretariat also welcomes the first meeting of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow with His Holiness Pope Francis, contributing in the understanding and unity among Christian Churches.

The Secretariat declares its deepest sympathy for the refugees of the broader Middle East region, Christians and Muslims, while pointing out its strong opposition to the attempt to change the religious map of the region and eradicate Christians from their ancestral homes. The problem acquires uncontrollable dimensions. Non-compliance with peace decisions of international organizations or multilateral meetings makes it even more difficult.



The spread of terrorism further aggravates the situation, adding more problems and fears for people's everyday life. The I.A.O. supports the efforts of Russia, the U.S.A. and other countries in the fight against ISIS and extremist organizations in Syria. The Secretariat invites all developed countries of Europe, Great Britain and the U.S.A. to contribute in the safe relocation of refugees in their country. It condemns the extreme behaviors of leaders and parties causing racism phenomena to appear in Europe. The Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy, by its nature, does not intend to allocate political responsibilities to criminal political initiatives causing greater deadlocks.

The I.A.O. expresses its serious concerns over the unprecedented escalation of the situation along the contact line between Karabakh and Azerbaijan armed forces and appeals for resolving this complex problem in an exclusively peaceful way.

Furthermore, it invites all peoples on Earth to preserve and display their historical memory and judgment. This is the only safe way for every citizen of the world to react with the democratic lawful procedures against such attempts which, on the pretext of restoring democratic legitimacy and reforms, intervene in foreign countries in order to serve major private interests in the energy sector, aiming at changing the geopolitical map of the region, ignoring the change in its cultural identity.

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