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His Excellency
Mr. Mouhamed Khouraichi Niass
Member of the National Assembly of Senegal
Secretary General of the Parliamentary Union
of the OIC Member States (PUIC)

Your Excellency Mr. Secretary General,

Following the successful initiative of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) to organize the Parliamentary Conference on Interfaith Dialogue and the adoption of its outcome by the 30th anniversary General Assembly of the Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy (IAO), we wish to share with you certain thoughts and perspectives for development of a common initiative.

During our General Assembly, a major part of the discussion focused to the Marrakech Communiqué, a significant text adopted by the IPU in the framework of the Parliamentary Conference held in Marrakech from 13 to 15 June 2023 (see the attached document). In fact, Ms Sarah Markiewicz, as an IPU representative to our General Assembly, informed us that the Italian Parliament took the initiative to hold a Global Interfaith Meeting in Rome in 2025. We believe that we, inter-parliamentary bodies trying to contribute to the promotion of religious values in the field of politics and society, need to work so that our efforts are strengthened and fruitful.

In that framework, we estimate that we can jointly organize a relevant conference in 2024 and specialize in the issues with which the Marrakesh Communiqué deals, highlighting the need for a continuous organized and multi-level dialogue between parliaments and inter-parliamentary institutions that will promote the importance of interfaith understanding of the Christian and the Muslim world.

Believing that our proposal will meet your concerns and your willingness for cooperation, please accept the assurances of my colleague sentiments.

Yours sincerely,
The Secretary General

Dr. Maximos Charakopoulos
Member of the Hellenic Parliament

