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Her Excellency
Dr. Sahiba Ghafarova
Honorable Speaker of Milli Majlis
Republic of Azerbaijan

Excellency,

On the occasion of the National Day Anniversary of the Republic of Azerbaijan, I would like to extend to you, and through you to your colleagues in Milli Majlis, as well as the people of Azerbaijan, my warmest congratulations and sincere best wishes.

Indeed, the Asian Parliamentary Assembly holds high esteem for the significant contributions made to our organization by Your Excellency as a female parliamentarian. Your strong background of parliamentary experience has left enduring legacy of professionalism and excellence during your two year tenure of presidency over this important parliamentary platform. During this period valuable steps were taken to further strengthen parliamentary diplomacy, regional dialogue, and cooperation among Asian nations.

At a time when the West Asia continues to face serious challenges and rising tensions, it is more important than ever to uphold the principles of mutual respect, multilateralism, and peaceful coexistence. It is a grave concern for all of us that exertion of the ongoing unilateral policies exacerbated by disregard of international law, have led to instability and further escalation of tension in the region. In this context, the role of responsible parliamentary diplomacy and regional cooperation becomes increasingly vital.

May the friendly relations and cooperation between the APA Secretariat and parliament of Azerbaijan continue to develop and grow ever than before.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Best Regards,

Mohammad Reza Majidi