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High-Level-level Ministerial and Parliamentarian Session**

**Draft Opening Speech - Hon. Gennaro Migliore, PAM President**

*General Assembly Hall*

*8 September 2022, h.11:00 – 13:00*

*Under Secretary General Vladimir Voronkov,  
Excellencies,  
Dear Friends and Colleagues,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

I wish to thank the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism for having convened this important event.

During this year, PAM has participated in several meetings regarding the victims of terrorism, including co-organizing a major conference in the Italian Parliament, together with the UNOCT, the OSCE PA, the African Parliamentary Union, and the Shura Council of Qatar.

PAM is committed to provide concrete support to the victims of terrorism and criminal organizations, and the issue is at the top of the Assembly's agenda.

In this regard, I refer to the many PAM resolutions containing legislative and policy recommendations, in order to harmonize legislations and effectively synchronize parliamentary efforts with the global counter-terrorism strategy and the international instruments to support the victims of terrorism.

We ask more commitments of a country, and we ask more resources: one dollar for the security, one dollar for victims.

First and foremost, I wish to recall the UN Model Legislative Provisions for the victims of terrorism, document which PAM had to honor to substantially contribute to during the consultations phase.

*Excellencies and Dear Colleagues,*

Victims of terrorism can be affected in more ways than many of us could ever contemplate, and many of them have serious trouble recovering from their trauma, while living with long-term physical, psychological, social, and financial hardships.

Today, we stand up for those who have been affected by terrorism, to support their right to heal, to live with dignity. To have their voices heard, their needs met, and their rights protected through the implementation of long-term and multi-dimensional support initiatives; with a Human rights-based approach.

It is important to take a moment to remember together all the victims of the past, and the victims of the present, and we need three words: memory, dignity, respect. And we also need to support the UN in their ongoing efforts to reconcile the human rights with the counter-terrorism legislations especially with the UNOCT.

That is why, PAM is strongly committed to support any further action to facilitate assistance to the victims of terrorism and its national parliaments and the international community.

Thank you for the attention.