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Deputy Speaker attends the IV Meeting of Speakers of the Eurasian Countries' Parliaments

Deputy Speaker Claudette Buttigieg participated in the IV Meeting of Speakers of the Eurasian Countries' Parliaments in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, held on 23 and 24 September 2019.

The meetings of speakers of the Eurasian countries' parliaments serve to build direct multilateral interaction between parliament members of European and Asian countries, extending inter-parliamentary dialogue and promoting fruitful cooperation between Eurasian countries.

In her address, Deputy Speaker Buttigieg remarked that the emergence of a coalescent Eurasia is one of the key features of a new world order. Conflicts in Eurasia have always had negative implications for the world. In recognising the significant importance of Eurasia for world trade and economy, amidst the impendence of trade wars, economic sanctions and trade restrictions, Eurasia is also central to global peace. She added that the meeting has the potential to be the point of departure for effective global cooperation through dialogue, trust and partnership. There is a premium on legislative tools to foster trust among nations, through continuous dialogue and strategic partnerships.

Having just been appointed the first Regional Leader for Europe in the Parliamentary Diabetes Global Network (PDGN), she also referred to the PDGN's strategy presented during the European Association for the Study of Diabetes in Barcelona as ambitious but achievable and invited the other participants to join this cause.

Deputy Speaker Buttigieg met with the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, the upper House of the Indian Parliament, Mr Harivansh in the margins of the meeting of speakers of Eurasian countries. The two dignitaries reiterated the strong and cordial relations that exist between the two countries and the respective parliaments and discussed issues of mutual interest.