



Speech

by the Vice President of the Senate of the Netherlands, mr. R.S. Croll, during the Eleventh G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) in Kleinmond, South Africa

General session on harnessing parliamentary diplomacy for the realisation of global solidarity, equality and sustainability

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Your Excellencies, Honourable Speakers, Distinguished Colleagues,

It is both a great honour and a privilege for the Dutch Parliament to participate in this meeting.

We are sincerely grateful to our esteemed colleagues from the National Assembly and the National Council of Provinces of South Africa for the invitation to the Netherlands and for graciously welcoming us here today.

Parliaments have both the opportunity and the responsibility to contribute meaningfully to the G20 discussions.

We are witnessing a growing trend of polarization across the globe. Nations, regions, and communities increasingly appear to be divided — with individuals more often standing in opposition to one another rather than in solidarity.

The current geopolitical landscape is marked by significant uncertainty, conflicts and crisis.

People everywhere — not only in the Netherlands — are expressing deep concerns about the implications of global challenges such as migration, climate change, and economic insecurity.

These widespread concerns are generating tensions both within nations and between them.

This is where parliamentary diplomacy proves to be essential.

In a world of complex, shared challenges, parliaments must look beyond national borders.

Parliamentary diplomacy provides a vital platform for dialogue, understanding, and trust.

As representatives of our people, we have to embrace opportunities such as this Speakers' Summit to engage in meaningful exchange and share best practices.

Through these exchanges, we can foster solidarity, promote equality, and work together towards sustainable and democratic solutions that benefit all. I look forward to rest of our discussion.

Thank you for your attention.