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QUESTION OF: IMPROVING DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND

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The General Assembly,

<u>Emphasizing</u> the influence of money and power in elections by wealthy individuals and groups who use their financial resources and violence to sway voters and influence election outcomes, compromising democratic representation,

Recognizing the critical role of democratic governance in ensuring transparency, accountability, and the protection of human rights, endangered by corruption, leading to erosion of trust in institutions, impediment of economic progress, and potential for profound social and political repercussions,

Noting with deep concern that the glaring lack of women in politics undermines the principles of equality and limits the potential for truly inclusive and representative governance in nations since women hold only about 27% of the parliamentary seats and 23% of ministerial positions worldwide,

Acknowledging that ethnic groups are also a source of political conflict, causing political polarization, which undermines democratic processes and the inclusivity of governance, leading to intense partisan conflict and a lack of cooperation between parties,

1. <u>Strongly urges</u> the enforcement of strict penalties for corrupt practices and the establishment of independent anti-corruption commission with investigative prosecutorial laws;

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- 2 <u>Encourages</u> the establishment of robust mechanisms for inclusive political dialogue and participation involving all political parties, civil society organizations and marginalized communities to ensure their voices are heard in the decision-making processes;
- 3. <u>Requests</u> to implement affirmative action policies and to promote awareness about the importance of diversity which could pave the way for a more inclusive all-countries parliament, ensuring equity for all ethnic and religious groups;
- 4. <u>Encourages</u> political polarization by promoting dialogue and cooperation between political parties, encouraging bipartisan initiatives, and by fostering a political culture that values compromise and collective problem-solving over partisan victories to achieve enhancement, inclusivity and effectiveness of its democratic governance;
- 5. <u>Strongly urges</u> all member states to support this resolution as unity is the victorious pathway to improve democratic leadership.