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Mr. President,

I congratulate you on your election as President of the General Conference.

I assure you of my Country's full support and cooperation during this difficult year.

At the outset, let me most sincerely thank the Agency for the generous in-kind contribution to the fight against COVID-19 in San Marino, which was affected by one of the world highest percentages of infections.

We are proud to be part of an organization that takes immediate action when needed and we commend you, Mr. Director General, and all your staff, for such efficiency.

The Agency deserves to be praised for its pivotal work in increasing nuclear safety and security, and for developing nuclear peaceful applications in cancer research, human and animal health and agriculture, thus contributing to the wellbeing of humanity.

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Notwithstanding the global economic crisis, we are making an effort to pledge our contribution to the Technical Cooperation Fund.

We highly value the activities at the Seibersdorf Laboratories, including the new ZODIAC program; we must gather all efforts to fight diseases and pandemics.

We believe that the system of safeguards is a fundamental tool for international security to support and reach the goal of Non-Proliferation and we applaud the recent agreement between the Agency and Iran.

San Marino, State-party to NPT, stands for a world free of weapons of mass destruction and chemical weapons. We are convinced that peace can be reached through dialogue, negotiation and trust, investing more in education, development and cooperation than in armaments and wars.

Finally, we welcome the Republic of Guinea and the Independent State of Samoa as new members of our Agency.

We look forward to play our role in maintaining a safe and secure environment for all.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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