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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 extended COVID period.

I would like to reiterate my Country's gratitude to the Agency for the generous support in the fight against COVID-19 in San Marino.

The permanence of the Pandemic around the world makes our Organization and its assistance more and more relevant.

I commend Mr. Director General Grossi, and all his staff, for the immediate, effective and concrete approach to this and other emergencies.

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I also commend the Agency for its work in increasing nuclear safety and security throughout the world, and for continuing to foster nuclear peaceful applications in cancer research, human and animal health and agriculture, improving life on this planet.

Once again, we are ready to pledge a small but significant contribution to the Technical Cooperation Fund, which we particularly value and we believe deserves the utmost attention of all Countries.

We highly appreciate the activities carried out in the Seibersdorf Laboratories, including the ZODIAC program. Scientists alerted us that diseases and pandemics will become more and more frequent and we have the chance now to work on a better preparedness for the future.

We continue to believe that the system of safeguards is fundamental for international security and we call on all Countries to allow the Agency to perform its inspections and to support all Member States in the observance of their agreements.

We reiterate our concern about the lack of openness of a number of Countries and we appeal to them to comply with their commitments.

San Marino promotes education, cooperation, dialogue, negotiation and trust building activities in order to achieve peace and a world free of weapons of mass destruction.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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