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Mr. President,

Let me congratulate you on your recent election as President of the General Conference and assure you of my Country's full support and cooperation during this year.

As you well know, San Marino is a State traditionally devoted to peace and dialogue, with no army or weapons of mass destruction. San Marino promotes and protects human rights and fundamental freedoms as well as disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control, being a State Party to the main international treaties in these sectors.

Since 2013, when San Marino joined the IAEA, my Country attaches great importance to this Organization that strives to regulate and promote the peaceful use of nuclear energy and maintain international security.

The IAEA was founded in response to growing international concerns about nuclear weapons, particularly amidst Cold War tensions. It is unfortunate to note that in some ways we are once again in a similar historical conjunction, further exacerbated by other challenges, such as, for instance: climate change and the increasing technological development that can overturn traditional battlefields.

The role of the IAEA is fundamental and absolutely crucial today.

I congratulate Director General Grossi for his re-election at the head of this Agency and I applaud him and all his staff for all the work done in the past year in order to increase nuclear safety and security in the world, and to galvanize nuclear peaceful applications in human health (rays of hope), animal health (ZODIAC), food and



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agriculture (atoms4food), climate change (Atoms4netzero) and water quality (NUTEC plastics), as well as the fight against pollution.

San Marino is pleased with the work done in the Seibersdorf Laboratories, where IAEA scientists cooperate around the world to provide us with better preparedness for future challenges.

Let me also praise the IAEA Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship Program and the Lise Meitner Program, which offer women in the nuclear sector new opportunities for career advancement.

Mr. President,

My Country appreciates the IAEA control and support on all nuclear facilities, guaranteeing the proper operation and accuracy in areas affected by conflicts, in particular the Ukrainian power plants.

San Marino remains concerned about the resistance that some Countries still demonstrate avoiding sharing information and not allowing verifications. We remind them that it is a commitment to the Agency and to the rest of the world.

I sincerely hope for the restoration of sovereign equality in the Agency and support the working group established in order to allocate arealess member states. The status quo cannot be maintained and we appeal to all to give an example of inclusion and fairness towards these fellow countries.

In the hope that international security and peace can soon be restored, I conclude and thank you.