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Mr. President,

it is a great honor for the Republic of San Marino to participate in this important session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Allow me first to extend our sincere congratulations to you for the election as President of the Conference and to express our full support for the success of this meeting.

We also commend Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi and the entire IAEA Secretariat for their tireless work in promoting international peace, security, and development through the safe, secure, and peaceful use of nuclear technologies.

Mr. President,

as a small State, San Marino has always considered international organizations—such as the IAEA—essential instruments for safeguarding peace, promoting cooperation, and ensuring that all countries, regardless of their size, can contribute meaningfully to the global community.

Multilateralism is not a choice for us—it is a necessity. It is the way we stay engaged with the world and uphold our values internationally.

In the words of UN Secretary-General, António Guterres: “The UN has never been more needed, our values have never been more relevant and the needs have never been greater”.

Dear colleagues,

In a time of profound uncertainty, it is necessary to recall that “Atoms for Peace” is the flagship of our Organization, even if sometimes we seem to forget it.

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As a country rooted in a centuries-old tradition of peace, San Marino appeals to all States to avoid escalating military capabilities and to recommit to diplomacy as the only viable path to resolving disputes and ensuring peaceful coexistence.

The Agency's continued presence at nuclear facilities, as it is in Ukraine and it should be in Iran, is vital for ensuring operational safety and preventing catastrophic risks. We urge all countries to grant the IAEA the access it needs and to take full advantage of its technical expertise and support.

We also recognize the growing importance of nuclear safety and security in a rapidly changing global environment. The increasing risks related to cyber threats, climate change, and geopolitical instability require that we redouble our efforts to uphold the highest standards. The IAEA plays a central role in this endeavour, and we commend its leadership in fostering a global culture of safety.

Mr. President,

San Marino is deeply committed to most international treaties that form the architecture of disarmament, non-proliferation, and arms control.

San Marino also acknowledges the importance of the IAEA's work in facilitating the peaceful use of nuclear technology in areas such as medicine, agriculture, environmental protection, and energy.

I would like to pay tribute to the Seibersdorf Laboratories, where IAEA scientists cooperate around the world to provide us with better preparedness for future challenges.

I also wish to praise the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship Program or the Lise Meitner Program that promote career opportunities for young women in the nuclear field.

I would like to offer one recommendation: it is time to restore the sovereign equality in our Agency and to include all area-less countries in our regional groups, and allow for complete fairness as well as shared accountability.

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In conclusion, Mr. President, San Marino reaffirms its commitment to the principles and objectives of the IAEA. We believe that international cooperation, transparency, and mutual trust remain the keys to a safer and more just world.

Let us continue to work together, across borders and differences, in the spirit of dialogue and peace.

Thank you for your attention.

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