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Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Republic of San Marino is proud to take the floor at the 21st Conference of the Parties and thanks the French authorities for the excellent organization and hospitality at a time of great challenges, especially for our continent and for the values of our civilization.

My country very much hopes that a legally binding universal climate agreement is reached by the end of this Conference, with the objective of keeping global warming below 2°C.

If we fail, human beings will not have a second chance for the survival of the planet and mankind. We need to act properly, seriously and effectively now, not in the years to come. It is our responsibility and our duty. We must succeed, leaving to younger and future generations the possibility to enjoy the beauty of our planet.

I completely agree with the UN Secretary General when he says that the Paris Agreement must be durable, dynamic, credible and based on solidarity. We are well aware that developed and developing, large and small countries share a common destiny and must act jointly to secure global well-being and political stability. We must work to oblige every country to share its part of responsibility, preventing less developed countries from paying the highest price, as is the case today. Desertification and floods more and more often severely hit populations suffering from malnutrition and lacking access to basic resources, health and education. This must be considered unacceptable by every human being.



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As to my country, San Marino communicated its national contribution to favour clarity, transparency and understanding and is committed to reduce, by 2030, its greenhouse gas emissions by 20% compared to 2005 levels.

Since 2008, the environmental policies implemented on the basis of our National Energy Plans have improved the energy performance of buildings, increased the production of electricity from renewable sources and reduced energy consumption. Though a non-Annex 1 country to the Kyoto Protocol, which was ratified in January 2010, San Marino is engaged in a virtuous path. Since 2009, we have consistently supported the photovoltaic market, now covering 8% of energy needs for residential use and 2.8% of total energy needs. We have quite recently adopted a virtuous policy concerning waste management, reduction of solvent emissions into the atmosphere and the application of new technologies in agriculture and land use.

Another major step forward was made in 2012 with the introduction of an Environmental Code. More recently, in order to promote health, we adopted WHO guidelines "Health 2020" and "Health in All Policies" focusing, *inter alia*, on environmentally correct life-styles. In July 2015 San Marino accepted the Doha Amendment.

However, we know very well that there is a lot of room for improvement, also in cultural terms. While policy makers have the responsibility of guiding a more sustainable pattern of development, families and schools must feel deeply engaged in a cultural "revolution" where every single community member is aware of the importance of adopting eco-friendly lifestyles, respectful of natural resources. We are deeply convinced of the important role played by all segments of society and ready to share our portion of responsibility and engagement for the Conference to be successful and our planet to survive.

Thank you for your attention.