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Statement by Hon. Gennaro Migliore, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM)

Excellencies,
Distinguished guests,
Dear Colleagues and friends,
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a privilege to contribute to this important conference on behalf of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, an international parliamentary organization representing 34 national parliaments from the Euro-Mediterranean and the Gulf regions, for which I have the honour to be its current president.

We see some lights and shadows coming from this conference. However, we are deeply troubled by recent scientific reports on the impact of climate change, especially in our region, a climate sensitive area where more than 500 million people live.

Efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees have already failed in the Mediterranean, where the tendency to overheat is 20% faster than in the rest of the world, and that could even increase from 2.2 to 3,8 degrees in the coming decades.

Desertification, food insecurity, extreme weather conditions, shortage of drinking water, soil erosion, risks of new diseases, and climate refugees are not the setting for a film. These are the projections of our scientists. These effects are even particularly profound when they overlap with fragility and past or current conflicts.

The Paris Agreement must be respected in a responsible manner, with appropriate national laws, policies and regulations.

We urge developed countries and emerging economies to build coalitions to create the financial and technological conditions to accelerate the decarbonization of the economy as well as the phase out of coal.

My organization and the 34 parliaments it represents are ready to do their part to ensure the implementation of international commitments.

I thank you for your attention.

