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Mr. President,

Excellencies, Colleagues,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

we would like to express our thanks to the British and Italian authorities for the excellent organisation of this important event.

The recent IPCC report confirms that negative predictions are now a certainty. To quote UN Secretary-General António Guterres, the report is 'a code red' for humanity. It will force us to take increasingly difficult choices. Good intentions cannot remain pious hopes: if political commitments taken during these days remained a dead letter, it would be an intolerable defeat.

We recognize that the impacts of climate change at 1.5°C are much lower than at 2°C and that immediate action must be taken to keep 1.5°C within reach. We acknowledge the close nexus between climate and energy, as well as we understand the importance of a just and inclusive clean energy transition.

San Marino is a small State but being small does not prevent us to be ambitious. We want to be an open-air laboratory, where innovations by willing and fair-minded people are discussed, tested and assessed on their effectiveness. It is indeed possible and necessary to start small in order to implement big changes, to move one step at a time, but decisively.



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Therefore, we would like to call on small nations to join efforts to implement common initiatives that would otherwise be beyond their reach. We cannot but call on international organisations to devise new systems that will enable small states to make a stronger multilateral contribution. Together we are stronger, as the history of the United Nations teaches us. San Marino wants to be active with other Nations, now more than ever.

In July 2021, San Marino presented its first *Voluntary National Review* on the implementation of the 17 goals of the 2030 Agenda. We are currently drawing our 'Action plan for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals' and the first draft will be ready by the end of the year. Action to combat climate change, under Goal 13, features prominently on the set of national initiatives.

Virtuous policies we intend to implement are numerous, from the development of renewable sources to the promotion of electric and hybrid mobility. Measures to increase the energy efficiency of buildings, to contain emissions from companies and to strengthen a national centralised data collection system are equally crucial.

San Marino has made and is making its best efforts to respect the commitments deriving from all the very important Agreements that have brought us this far. We know well, however, that it is not enough. If we do not act together, the consequences of our inaction will go far beyond state borders and will harshly affect next generations, who are uniting in movements such as *Fridays for Future*. Young people are clamouring for just one thing: the courage to change. We owe them a credible answer, because it is their future and we cannot prevent them to live in a better planet.

Thank you for your attention.