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Madame President,

Let me congratulate you, Amb. Collinson, on your election as President of the General Conference, and the other members of the Bureau. I can assure you of our Delegation's complete support and cooperation during this year.

The Republic of San Marino would like to congratulate the Director General for his recent reappointment and to express its deep appreciation for the work done by him and by the Secretariat in carrying on the mandate of the Agency, its activities and its support to Member States. We are sure that during this third mandate, the Director General will continue to lead our Agency in the right direction.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity also to welcome another small Country, Grenada, as a new member of our Agency.

We believe that the Agency is doing a vital and pivotal work to increase nuclear safety and security, and developing peaceful applications of nuclear science and technology, therefore contributing to the wellbeing of humanity.

The Republic of San Marino considers of absolute importance the research in the field of nuclear applications and expresses its full support to all activities carried on at the Seibersdorf Laboratories. The benefits of the Agency's programs in fields of human and animal health, environment and agriculture are undoubtable.

We believe that the system of safeguards is a fundamental tool for international security to support and reach the goals of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, of which we are a State party.

Madame President,

We support the IAEA's comprehensive safeguard agreement with Iran and the transparency measures contained in the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. We encourage Iran to follow up to its commitments in a timely manner.

As a State party to the CTBTO, San Marino reiterates its condemnation for the DPRK's nuclear tests and threats. We hope in a peaceful diplomatic and reasonable de-escalation of tensions in the area and we appeal to all Countries not to exacerbate the *situation*.

We recognize the major challenge that represents the entry into force of the CTBT but we also consider it an important target for all Countries.

The Republic of San Marino supports the creation of nuclear-weapon-free-zones all over the globe and a world free of weapons of mass destruction and chemical weapons. As a neutral Country, we are convinced that peace can be reached through dialogue, negotiation and trust building, investing more in education, development and cooperation than in armaments and wars.

Madame President,

This week in New York, San Marino will be signing the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. We believe it constitutes a further step in our engagement to cooperate with all other actors of the International community with the aim to create a nuclear-weapon-free world.

The Republic of San Marino became a member of the Agency in 2013. We have a comprehensive safeguards agreement with an emended Small Quantities Protocol in force with the Agency and we have no nuclear material on our territory. We have recently established a **nuclear emergency center** on its territory. We look forward to play our role in maintaining a safe and secure environment. Even a small Country can play a significant role.

Thank you, Madame President.



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