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Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

in the year in which the United Nations Organization celebrates its 70th anniversary, we can state, without any doubt, that this Organization has played and continues to play a key role for peace and security in the world, for the protection and promotion of human dignity, for the strengthening of democracy and the rule of law, as well as for the affirmation of justice and international law.

Throughout its history, the United Nations has been called upon to be an essential point of reference for the international community and for each individual.

We are now faced with a considerable challenge, which is to shape our future and that of our planet through a strong political consensus, based on a model of sustainable global development to be applied by all.

The experience gained from the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals has made an important contribution to the definition of an innovative and universal post-2015 Development Agenda.

The Millennium Development Goals lie at the very heart of the Agenda. They have been an extraordinary stimulus to effective, coordinated and collective action towards overcoming the most serious global emergencies: hunger and malnutrition, lack of access to basic health care and primary education, infant and maternal mortality, gender inequality, lack of control of serious communicable diseases, environmental and climate problems.

With the adoption of the Agenda, we hope that the process started with the Millennium Development Goals will be completed and that, at the same time, it will be possible to move towards a sustainable development model in which the economic, social and environmental dimensions are intertwined.

Each country has the responsibility towards the international community for implementing the Millennium Development Goals. To this end, we must all strive to develop innovative, effective and transparent institutions at all levels, while committing to duly complying with existing Agendas.

It is essential to mobilise the resources required for the implementation of the Agenda through a new Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, which should direct

its action towards the needs of the weakest and most vulnerable groups of society. In this sense, the Republic of San Marino believes that the United Nations' role is to monitor progress in the implementation of the Agenda.

For this reason, we need to establish a set of specific and universal indicators, as well as to create an effective control mechanism to assess progress and to identify any shortcomings to be addressed.

This mechanism must work effectively at all levels (national, regional and global) and be inclusive and reliable.

The Republic of San Marino is a small State with limited resources, but it has managed to create optimal living conditions for its population. However, it feels a responsibility towards the rest of the world and is committed to contributing to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals.

In this regard, the contribution is not only financial, but also cultural, through the education of the young generations, in order to promote an innate culture of hospitality and solidarity, together with the respect for sustainable development.

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Too many people in many countries are still living in a state of absolute poverty, many women and children daily struggle for mere survival, food security is a luxury for hundreds of millions of people, as well as access to drinking water, health services and education.

The adoption of the post-2015 Development Agenda is a unique moment in the life of the United Nations, whose historic importance and scope will be determined by the future and collective action of all Member States, whether large or small. The Republic of San Marino will make its contribution by cooperating effectively with all countries for the implementation of such Agenda.