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Mr. Chairman,

I wish to congratulate you and the Bureau on your election.

The Republic of San Marino attaches great importance to the promotion of social development and reaffirms its commitment to eradicate poverty, promote productive employment and decent work, foster social integration to achieve stable, safe and just societies for all.

San Marino has always been very active in the promotion of social integration and in the promotion and protection of human rights.

We think it is essential to build a development model based on the human being and its self-promotion.

The Republic of San Marino pays special attention to the most vulnerable groups, such as children, disabled people, the elderly and women.

Every year San Marino is among the co-sponsors of almost any relevant resolution which concerns such groups.

Our action shall be guided by The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which provides that everyone is entitled to the same rights and freedoms, without distinction of any kind.

Unfortunately, our societies are characterized by a clear and direct relationship among disabilities, poverty and social exclusion.

Today women are still the victims of discrimination and violence in many parts of the world, also in the most developed countries. In the poorest regions of our planet, maternal mortality remains a challenge. Moreover, women are most vulnerable to HIV infection. Trafficking in women is far to be solved. Women are often subject to abuse and to humiliating and degrading treatments, such as polygamy, child marriage, kidnapping and sexual assault, including domestic violence.

The advancement of women's rights, the elimination of all barriers to their full participation in the political, economic and social life must be top priorities for the United Nations, along with the promotion of their economic opportunities
and equality in all sectors.

San Marino has actively endorsed the United Nations commitments to the rights of people with disabilities. We were among the first countries to ratify the UN Convention on the rights of people with disabilities.

The rights of people with disabilities to education and work and the conditions to exercise these rights are fully guaranteed in San Marino. Such rights have been set up in our legislation since 1991. Furthermore, San Marino assures adequate social and health assistance to disabled people by law.

Despite the significant steps forward made over the last years in terms of equality and non-discrimination of the disabled, much remains to be done for the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, through the adoption of legislative measures and national and international policies. The Republic of San Marino welcomed the organization of the High-Level Meeting on Disability and Development and fully supported its final document.

San Marino has always encouraged the elderly to play an active part in our society, not only within their families but also in the wider social environment. In 2008 we adopted the Chart on old aged people’s rights, safeguard and improvement of their role in the society. This Chart aims at integrating the old aged people in the society, recognizing their importance in terms of experience, knowledge and culture.

The UN have the duty to protect children as the most vulnerable victims of violence, abuse and exploitation. In the most poverty-stricken areas of the world, infant mortality rate is still unacceptable and a very high number of children suffers from chronic malnutrition, which is the main cause of child death. My Country hopes for the universal ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, its Optional Protocols, and their full implementation.

The Republic of San Marino recognizes the essential role of the United Nations in promoting social development. We will guarantee our support to all initiatives aimed at reaching such goal.

Thank you for your attention.