STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to congratulate you on your election and the members of the Bureau. I am pleased that you are the Chair of this Committee and I am sure that, with your experience and leadership, this Committee will have successful results.

The mandate of the Second Committee for the 68th session of the General Assembly is quite challenging. Member States have to deal with the three issues: fulfill the MDGs, follow up the RIO+20 Conference, define the goals of the post-2015 development agenda.

San Marino welcomes the outcome document of the September Special Event to follow-up efforts made towards achieving the MDGs and appreciates the recognized need to have a coherent approach that integrates sustainable development with peace and security, human rights, democratic governance, gender equality and rule of law.

Moreover, we are quite pleased that, in the ECOSOC reform, the High level Political Forum will meet under the auspices of the ECOSOC and of the General Assembly.

We believe that it’s very important that the unmet goals of the MDGs should be carried over after the 2015 and, as a follow-up priority, we should make as a major target the eradication of extreme poverty.

We followed with great interest the High Level Meeting on Financing for Development, financing is a crucial element to achieve sustainable development in the decades to come.

Available financing is the main tool to make sure the MDGs can be achieved as well as the agenda of the post-2015.
This entire process is quite complex, as we have already observed in the negotiation of the modalities of “the way forward”.

Therefore, we need to assess, on a realistic basis, our countries’ capabilities in providing, through the public and private sectors, sustainable source of financing.

Not only we have to finance a balanced and just global growth, (including jobs for the young and women, tackling the climate change, etc.) but we also have to fix the devastation that the persistent financial and economic crisis inflicted upon most of our countries’ economies.

Mr. Chairman,

Whatever goals we will set for our future, they should be achievable.

If we push the bar too high, we might create unrealistic expectations, especially among the most vulnerable and under-privileged of our citizens and among the least fortunate Countries.

Unfulfilled expectations can unleash greater national and international social and political tensions.

In conclusion, we must work together with great diligence and determination to achieve all the MDGs, and also to define ambitious but realistic goals for the post 2015 agenda.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.