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Statement
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On “International Holocaust Remembrance Day”

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Mr. Chair,

San Marino aligned to the statement of Ireland on behalf of the EU, but I would like to add a few thoughts in my national capacity.

I have the honor to inform you and the distinguished Colleagues from the Participating States that, in accordance with OSCE commitments, the Republic of San Marino – like every year – dedicates a great attention to the remembrance of the Holocaust and promotes initiatives to raise public attention on the issue and to educate young people in particular.

This year, the Ministry of Education and the National Commission for Unesco have organized numerous activities as prescribed by Decree n. 20 of January 27, 2006 on the International Day of remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust, involving schools, the information sector and the cultural sector.

As my Heads of State declared on January 27th: (I quote)

“E’ importante che il ricordo di quegli orrori rimanga vivo per contrastare il rischio dell’oblio ora che, con il trascorrere del tempo, i testimoni di quei tragici fatti stanno scomparendo, così come è fondamentale ribadire in maniera ferma ed inequivocabile il rifiuto di ogni forma di revisionismo e di negazione della Shoah.”(...) “La nostra attenzione e la nostra cura devono pertanto essere rivolte alla corretta conservazione e all’efficace trasmissione di questo ricordo per essere in grado di svolgere quel compito educativo che ogni generazione ha il dovere di svolgere verso quella successiva.” (End of quote)

Moreover, I would like to bring to your attention, Mr. Chair, that a growing number of researchers and scholars is recently looking with interest at the reception and protection that our small Community offered to so many Jewish people, contributing to their safety and their survival, in observance once again of those ideals of humanity and solidarity that always enriched the long history of our Country.

While remembering this frightful Genocide, we should also ponder on many other genocides that have been taking place in the history of mankind, and analyse the causes and find ways to prevent and tackle possible outbreaks. That is also one of the tasks of our Organization.

It is our duty as participating States to teach, spread, defend and promote those ideals of freedom, tolerance, solidarity and respect, and to fight discrimination among peoples or individuals.

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