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Mr. Chairman, Excellencies,

Let me express our deep-felt condolences for the disappearance of Nelson Mandela. We pray for him, his family and his friends.

I congratulate the Ukrainian Chairmanship for the excellent work done this year, and express my gratitude for the generous hospitality in Kyiv.

San Marino is a founding member of this Organization and aims at a single, free, democratic, comprehensive, cooperative, equal, common and indivisible security community, free of dividing lines, spheres of influence and zones with different levels of security, based on trust and on OSCE principles and commitments, on the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms, economic and environmental cooperation and peace.

We support the current formats in order to reach a settlement in the outstanding protracted conflict situations in our area and appeal to all parties to find a compromise solution and to re-establish peace.

We are a Country with no army and we are convinced that it is possible to stop the proliferation of weapons and that it is essential to promote disarmament in the field of conventional weapons, weapons of mass destruction and nuclear weapons. We highly value the exchange of military information and other transparency measures to curb and monitor proliferation and to establish trust, confidence and better cooperation among and between Participating States, therefore, the constant updating of OSCE tools and mechanisms is very important as well as the promotion of non-proliferation regimes and cooperation in order to enhance our security dialogue.

The 2nd Dimension has finally been re-evaluated and participating States are now promoting its importance to maintain or restore security and investing in it. The issues of Energy Security, as well as water management and good governance, play a major role in security and in the prosperity of any land. The Ukrainian Chairmanship has dedicated many efforts to them this year and my Country will continue to support the efforts of the future Chairmanships in this field.

The 3rd Dimension plays a major role in the establishment of a security community. The absence or malfunctioning of Democratic Institutions can only lead to instability. The respect for human

rights of all people, the rule of law, fundamental freedoms - including freedom of religion and belief, freedom of association, media freedom and media pluralism -, the promotion of equal opportunities as well as the fight against intolerance and all forms of discrimination constitute the essentials of democracy. All participating States have the duty to work towards the full compliance of all of the above principles and commitments, in cooperation with civil society.

I would like to strike the importance of the fight against trafficking of human beings. San Marino has chosen to contribute once again this year, together with Andorra, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg and Monaco, within its limited possibilities, to a very good project in this field that targets institutionalized children.

My Country is one of the longest lasting democracies, based on the respect of all human beings, equal and with equal rights and has long been promoting the abolition of the death penalty and fostering all international efforts to curtail and eliminate its use.

Mr. Chair,

We are firmly engaged in countering all transnational threats that may come from within our area or from the neighbouring countries. We believe in a transparent and coordinated international cooperation.

San Marino considers that it is essential for this Organization to cooperate with all partners upon request and to offer assistance in all Dimensions. San Marino supports the inclusion of Lybia among the OSCE partners for cooperation. It believes that at such a crucial time for that country, OSCE could be of assistance in numerous fields in all three dimensions.

Mr. Chair,

San Marino wishes to reiterate its support to the Secretariat, to the valuable field Missions, to the OSCE independent institutions like ODIHR, the Representative on Freedom of the Media, the High Commissioner on National Minorities and to the Special Representative and Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings. We renew our full support to the important activities carried out by the Parliamentary Assembly, and we express our satisfaction for the re-established cooperation between the P.A. and ODIHR in elections observation.

We are fully engaged on the Helsinki + 40 process – launched by the Irish Chairmanship.

We are certain that it will translate the Astana Commemorative Declaration into action, making the OSCE more effective in dealing with emerging security threats.

The Anniversary will be an occasion to reassess our needs and our achievements, establish a multi-year, transparent and inclusive plan and develop a new strategic framework for the Organization in the three dimensions, a plan that includes civil society and other constructive initiatives.

Finally, I would like to focus on the need to confer international legal personality and related privileges and immunities on this Organization in order to preserve its independence and integrity and also to cut unnecessary costs.

In conclusion, we extend our best wishes to the forthcoming Swiss and Serb Chairmanships. We invite more Countries to step forward in order to create a Chairmanship rotation system that could assure continuity and better results for our Organization.

I thank you, Mr.Chair.