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Mr. President,

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me express my sincere gratitude to the Government and People of the Arab Republic of Egypt for the excellent organisation of this Conference of the Parties.

Dear Delegates,

We are witnessing hard times: it is undeniable that instead of going forward we are unfortunately going backwards. Our societies are proving incapable -or unwilling- to find real solutions to climate change. It is true that several international crisis jeopardised our efforts in this regard, from Covid-19 to the aggression of Ukraine, just to name a few. Yes, keeping 1.5° degrees alive and within reach sometimes seems an impossible goal, but it has never been more important. It truly must become a national priority for all of us, no one excluded.

In the last years, San Marino decided to become an open-air laboratory for innovation, in order to attract new projects to tackle climate change on a small scale. We call once again on other small



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states and Parties to join efforts to implement common initiatives that would otherwise be beyond their reach.

My country also decided to focus on sustainable housing. We are proud to recall that last October the Republic of San Marino hosted the 83rd meeting of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Territorial Development. We are even more proud to announce that this meeting resulted in the San Marino Declaration, a document enshrining valuable principles for more sustainable, fair and inclusive urbanisation.

With the valuable support of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), 75 more trees have been planted in San Marino. It may seem little effort, but in our tiny territory, every small step is meaningful in order to help mitigate the negative impacts of climate change, as well as to continue the transition towards renewables energies and more sustainable business models.

Dear friends,

In times like these, we must work together to find solutions that will help us overcome global climate challenges. We owe it to future generations but also to ourselves, as leaders, to our memory and to what we want to be remembered for.

Thank you for your attention.