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Mr. Secretary-General,  
Excellencies,  
Representatives of civil society  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

First, I would like to warmly thank the Secretary- General for having brought us here, drawing our attention on the main humanitarian challenges worldwide and calling us to address these issues with openness and goodwill, with a view to provide practical answers and guidelines for our future action as the Member States and for the coordination of the Organization's activities.

The humanitarian consequences of conflicts and natural disasters affecting many areas of the world have become catastrophic. No person, no nation, no State can think to be exempted from these human tragedies: we are all responsible and we all have to commit to translate the duty of solidarity, deriving from our common belonging to mankind, into real actions. This applies to all citizens of the world and even more to the leaders of states and international organizations, who have the task to lead their people.

The Republic of San Marino is fully aware of the seriousness of the global situation and of the duty to cooperate falling even on a small State. Our Government has decided to share with the whole Parliament the concerns and proposals of the Secretary-General, by dedicating an *ad hoc* debate to this issue, on the basis of the report "One humanity: shared responsibility". This led to the adoption by consensus of an Agenda setting out the commitments to be made and to be implemented by the Government in its action.

I am here on behalf of San Marino Parliament to communicate that my country is willing to commit to:



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- support the initiatives of international organizations and those of civil society, aimed at responding to the serious humanitarian crises affecting the populations of many countries, especially the most vulnerable and helpless groups;
- support the leadership of the United Nations in humanitarian aid to improve the structure and efficiency of the humanitarian action, and to address the fragmentation into countless projects and activities in the humanitarian field;
- reaffirm the values of dignity and integrity of the person and the principle of solidarity among peoples, with due respect for the obligations under the international humanitarian law;
- reiterate the rejection of the war, that causes suffering and instability, and the value of dialogue as a way to prevent and solve conflicts;
- promote reflection and discussion fora on the causes of conflicts provoking humanitarian emergencies, also in order to better understand how imbalances in the distribution of wealth contribute to outburst of such crises, and the role played by the most developed countries in this unbalanced distribution;
- focus its contribution to international solidarity on projects, under the auspices of international organizations, dealing primarily with the largest humanitarian crisis of our time, that is the mass migration caused by wars and terrorist violence, as well as on civil society projects, aimed at stimulating local initiatives, in accordance with relevant national features;
- reassess the annual contribution allocated to international solidarity in order to progressively achieve the commitment set out in the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations, as a contribution to the growth of poorer nations;
- coordinate, with the help of the Organization and on the basis of the guidelines laid down in the Agenda for Humanity, a project of micro-humanitarian aid that can also be a viable example for other countries.

Thank you for your attention.