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**STATEMENT BY
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REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO, AT THE THIRTIETH MEETING OF THE
OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

Skopje, 30 November and 1 December 2023

Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

First of all, I should like to extend my thanks to the OSCE Chairmanship of North Macedonia for the hospitality offered to us in the beautiful city of Skopje.

On my own behalf and on behalf of the Government of the Republic of San Marino, I should also like to express words of heartfelt gratitude to the current OSCE Chairmanship for having handled in the best possible way a truly difficult year, an *annus horribilis*, in which the existence of our Organization was placed at serious risk, as never before.

The failure to adopt the budget for the past two years, the lengthy search for consensus on the next Chairmanship for 2024 and the nerve-racking negotiations on the extension of the Organization's four leadership posts, with all the consequences that these risks entail, are unacceptable.

The Republic of San Marino firmly believes in the OSCE's mission and considers that this Organization is fundamental and must be provided with all possible tools so that it can continue its work – work that, incidentally, all 57 participating States have recognized and respected for decades.

The world's largest regional security organization cannot be seriously deprived of its functions at a time when conflicts and tensions in the area are escalating. For the Republic I represent, this fact is intolerable and unjustifiable. We need the OSCE more than ever.

The brutal and unjustified war of aggression that Russia is waging against Ukraine is a clear demonstration of the failure of political and diplomatic dialogue, the main platform of which is multilateralism.

Multilateralism must be protected, yet instead it is being trampled upon in the same way as international law is being violated.

We are about to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, but without taking responsibility as States for creating a global environment in which these fundamental rights can be guaranteed.

Insecurity is increasing and the arms race is raging, as threats of the use of weapons of mass destruction are continuing to escalate and the number of victims of the bloody conflicts spreading like wildfire across the globe is growing exponentially.

Is this what we want? A return to the state of nature, in which each individual or State is driven by their deepest instinct, rather than by international, common rules typical of the rule of law that our forebearers put in place with tenacity and difficulty?

The Republic of San Marino will never give in to the weakening of international organizations, because they are fundamental to ensuring the maintenance of dialogue and peace, even in the darkest and most complicated times.

Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

The State I have the honour to represent remains steadfast in its tireless and heartfelt call for dialogue and peace, faithful to its age-old tradition of democracy and active neutrality.

In the belief that all States have the development and progress of their people at heart, I urge the participating States to lay down their arms and engage in the search for diplomatic solutions, using multilateral forums and bilateral avenues as platforms for dialogue.

Before concluding, let me once again thank Minister Osmani for his resourcefulness, flexibility and great political and diplomatic skills.

Finally, I should like to extend my best wishes to the Republic of Malta for its future 2024 Chairmanship so that, under its leadership and thanks to a hoped-for Unified Budget, the work towards rapprochement and reconciliation among the participating States may continue.

Mr. Chairperson,

San Marino's support for the OSCE will never falter.

Thank you for your attention.