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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO AT THE
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Agenda item 2: Address by the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Mr. Chairperson,

San Marino has aligned itself with the statement by the European Union, but I should like to add some observations in a national capacity.

I join the previous speakers in extending a warm welcome to Ms. Margareta Cederfelt, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, and in thanking her for today's address.

I should like to take advantage of this opportunity to thank Ms. Cederfelt for her recent visit to San Marino, during which she was accompanied by the Secretary General, Roberto Montella, and where she met with the two Captains Regent, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Luca Beccari, and the Parliamentary Delegation to the OSCE.

Ms. Cederfelt,

The meetings in San Marino have confirmed that we share the same vision and objectives, and I therefore assure you of our firm support for your programme.

In particular, we share and appreciate your opinion on the capacity of small States to contribute to diplomacy, to offer the international community co-operation and support, and to act as "moderators" and "bridge-builders", as you have rightly emphasized, thereby opening up a new perspective on international challenges, thanks to our centuries-old history of peace and promotion of dialogue.

San Marino is, moreover, particularly active within the Parliamentary Assembly through the Special Rapporteur on the topic of combating disinformation and propaganda.

The delegation of San Marino to the Parliamentary Assembly has, in addition, reaffirmed its availability and readiness to become even more involved in the work of that body, in particular by promoting interparliamentary dialogue among small States and continuing its support on the ground for election observation activities.

I wish to conclude by emphasizing once again how the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly remains a reference point for the parliaments of all the participating States and a mainstay of efforts to prevent and resolve conflicts through dialogue and mediation.