



**REGGENZA DELLA REPUBBLICA**

**Republic of San Marino**

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**SDG moment**

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Mr. Secretary-General,

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are pleased to participate in the second SDG Moment of the Decade of Action.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought an uncommon health, economic and social crisis, endangering the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to its very core.

Now, it is time to accelerate responses to the world's serious challenges and to increase our ambitions and hopes.

The principles underpinning the Sustainable Development Goals are essential to build back better in the post COVID-19 recovery.

The collective fight against climate change represents the gravest emergency of our time.



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Emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic could represent an opportunity to work better on the green transition, in order to rebuild the fundamental aspects and relationship with the environment.

In this regard, San Marino is working to become one of the first carbon neutral or even carbon negative Countries in the world.

The COVID-19 pandemic undermined worldwide our progress on food security and nutrition, but it has also given the opportunity to reevaluate how to cope with the major drivers of hunger and malnutrition and sharpen our efforts to build forward better.

Our Country has progressively started the implementation of organic farming and multifunctional agriculture. We are also improving social awareness concerning eating habits and combating food waste.

In this perspective, we would like to highlight our Country's contribution in establishing the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste, which will be celebrated on September 29.

Mr. Secretary General,

The pandemic has weakened healthcare systems in every region of the world.

The San Marino model provides free health coverage for all and it was able to respond, adapt, and overcome the COVID-19 health emergency, thanks to the legislative measures adopted by our Government and the resilience of all the health and non-health professionals of our Social Security Institute.

The pandemic has deepened the difficulties in accessing education for children, women and people with disabilities, and in participating in the life of their communities.



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San Marino is working to reduce the gaps created by the pandemic. Moreover, our education system firmly implements the principle of inclusion, where no one is left behind.

This year, San Marino presented its first Voluntary National Review.

This report shows more than ever the commitment of the institutions and citizens of the Republic of San Marino to a better, fairer and more sustainable world by implementing the principles guarded in the 2030 Agenda.

The primary task of each individual and State should be to support every effort to help people live in decent conditions and feel fully included in society. Their progress will be our progress and their smile will be the light allowing us to look to the future with optimism.

Mr. Secretary General,

Freedom, peace, democracy and solidarity have always represented the identity of the Republic of San Marino in its centuries-old history.

We are honoured to offer our contribution to the Community of the United Nations.

Thank you.