

Mr. President,

Excellencies,

Dear colleagues,

The Republic of San Marino, like many small Countries that give great importance to the role of the General Assembly in the lives of our nations, welcomes the High Level Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis.

We commend the skill and tenacity of our colleagues-facilitators in negotiating the outcome document, which recommendations we do support.

However, we regret the fact that the majority of the General Assembly Countries, including mine, are not represented by “the Heads of State and Government and High Representatives” as the outcome document states in its very first line.

It is unfortunate that the uncertain process in preparing this conference discouraged the participation of so many world leaders, whose presence could have made this UN Conference a historic one.

This conference addresses the greatest economic global disaster since the very existence of the UN, in the most revered hall of the entire globe, the General Assembly Hall. This Conference, however, barely has been noticed by the world media, and therefore by the world citizens that we do represent, leaving us with a huge missed opportunity to revitalize our General Assembly, refocusing the global attention on the strategic importance of the United Nations.

Mr. President,

We hope that, following the proposed way forward of the outcome document, we will succeed in our effort to create an effective open ended working group and to make the World Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impact on Development a main theme of the General Debate of the 64th Session of the General Assembly.

Thank you.