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Mr. President,

Mr. Secretary-General,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Colleagues,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of San Marino, I would like to thank the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the French Republic for co-chairing this High-Level Conference at a time when the need for moral clarity and political courage has never been greater.

San Marino condemns unequivocally the attacks of 7 October, which caused tragic loss of innocent lives. At the same time, we cannot remain silent in the face of the disproportionate military response that has followed - marked by widespread destruction, civilian suffering, and severe humanitarian consequences - including the lack of access to food, clean



water and essential supplies, raising the alarming risk of famine. This constitutes a grave violation of international law and international humanitarian law. It is incumbent on both parties to strictly respect these fundamental norms, protect civilians, and preserve the possibility of a just and lasting peace.

We come together not only as representatives of our governments, but as human beings. The Secretary-General of the United Nations recently spoke of a "collective moral failure" in the face of the catastrophe unfolding in Gaza. These words must resonate within us. More than 50,000 lives lost, including thousands of children. A society torn apart. A people deprived of dignity, security, and hope.

The tragic deaths of UN and UNRWA staff members, humanitarian workers and journalists must not be tolerated.

This is not only a political crisis. It is a test of our shared humanity.

San Marino stands unequivocally for an immediate and lasting ceasefire, for the unconditional release of hostages, for the protection of civilians and for full humanitarian access, in accordance with international humanitarian law.

At the same time, we are deeply concerned by the continued expansion of illegal settlements, violence against civilians, and



other unilateral actions in the West Bank, which threaten the viability of a future Palestinian State and undermine the prospects for peace. The unity and territorial continuity between the West Bank and Gaza under the Palestinian Authority are essential to any meaningful two-State solution.

However, we must look beyond the immediate emergency. It is time to reignite the political horizon.

San Marino reaffirms its unwavering support for a two-State solution: a sovereign, independent, and viable State of Palestine, living in peace and mutual recognition alongside the State of Israel, both within secure and internationally recognized borders, and with Jerusalem as a shared capital.

We believe that peace is not only possible, but necessary—and achievable - if the international community acts with unity and resolve. In this spirit, we support a multilateral framework led by the United Nations - building on the Madrid terms of reference, the Arab Peace Initiative, and the Peace Day Effort - underpinned by strong international guarantees and credible security arrangements for all.

Co-Chairs,

On 15 May 2025, the Parliament of San Marino adopted unanimously - a historic recommendation committing the



Government of our Republic to the recognition of the State of Palestine by the end of this year.

This is not a symbolic gesture. It is the outcome of deep reflection and a principled stance, grounded in the values that define our Republic: the rejection of war, the right of peoples to self-determination, and the primacy of international law.

The recognition process has already begun. The Ambassador of Palestine has formally presented her Letters of Credence to the Captains Regent, our Heads of State. The next step will be the appointment of a San Marino Ambassador accredited to Palestine, establishing full diplomatic relations.

We will also continue to support Palestine's full membership in the United Nations, as well as to affirm the need of International Organizations' presence to deliver full and safe humanitarian assistance, especially for children, women, and the most vulnerable.

San Marino urges all nations to take coordinated and courageous steps. We cannot allow violence, despair, and extremism to shape the future. We must act now to build a peace grounded in dignity, accountability, and mutual recognition.

Co-Chairs,



San Marino may be one of the smallest countries in the world, but we believe that the values of justice, peace, and human dignity know no borders. We stand ready to accompany this irreversible process, ensuring full respect for international law, compliance by all and sustained engagement through credible multilateral mechanisms.

Let this conference be remembered not as a missed opportunity, but as a turning point. Let us replace cynicism with determination and silence with action – by implementing the two-State solution and by defining a common framework for the recognition of the State of Palestine, with clear, shared milestones that can encourage all nations to take meaningful steps forward.

Thank you.