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Mr. President,
Mr. Secretary-General,
Colleagues,

The Republic of San Marino expresses deep concern about the armed conflicts which are still ongoing around the world. We are now witnessing the highest number of wars since 1945, and the resulting devastating crises, such as the worsening humanitarian refugee crisis, bring every State face to face with its responsibilities.

Eighty years after World War II, during which the Republic of San Marino offered hospitality to over one hundred thousand refugees, our country has once again renewed its concrete solidarity and strong humanitarian commitment in favour of hundreds of Ukrainian citizens. The Republic of San Marino has taken in over 400 Ukrainian refugees, more than 1% of the entire San Marino population, thanks to the solidarity of public and private institutions, NGOs and with the help of many volunteers.

Together with the refugee crisis, the impact of conflicts may lead to a global food crisis. In its capacity of promoter of the resolution establishing 29 September as the International Day of



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Awareness of Food Loss and Waste, San Marino firmly believes that combating food loss and waste will help promote food security, and welcomes all initiatives aimed at raising awareness of such responsible behaviour.

San Marino has decided to cooperate within the framework of international structures and mechanisms, at the top of which is the United Nations Organisation, because it firmly believes in dialogue, democracy and respect for others as founding values of peaceful coexistence among peoples. No one must remain indifferent to war, but instead we must all work responsibly to create the conditions for dialogue and peace with the full involvement of international institutions.

The importance of dialogue and its relevance in democratic and inclusive societies are the basis for the plan of action to combat violent extremism and the radicalisation that leads to terrorism. The Republic of San Marino still remembers the outstanding work carried out by the late diplomat Guido Bellatti Ceccoli with regard to the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue, which made our country an important point of reference on this subject and led to the opening in the Republic of a place of prayer and meditation for different types of spirituality.



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The Republic of San Marino is convinced that this historically important Summit and its Final Declaration, the *Pact for the Future*, whose principles are fully shared by our country, will give a new impetus to the entire multilateral system and to international cooperation in general, strengthening the UN institutions so that they continue to represent a beacon for the protection of peace and human rights.

Indeed, in the case of small states, international law is seen as the one and only safeguard in the event of a threat to their existence, and multilateral fora represent a valuable megaphone to make their voices heard, which would otherwise remain unheard. Within international fora, San Marino has always contributed to highlighting the role that small States can play as facilitators of dialogue and promoters of peace.

The Summit of the Future will pave the way towards actions leading to a safe, peaceful, fair, equal and sustainable world, and our Republic will actively contribute to the search for collective solutions for a future of peace and dialogue, a better and more sustainable future for us and for future generations, in accordance with international law, including the United Nations Charter.