

General Debate on the theme “Getting to zero: Mobilizing parliaments to act on climate change”.

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Mister President,

Honourable Colleagues,

First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to the Bali authorities for their hospitality and for the organization of the 144th Interparliamentary Assembly.

The Republic of San Marino does not have its own energy resources, therefore renewable energy sources represent the only valid alternative to guarantee a minimum of energy autonomy for the country.

The government, with an incentive system, pushes towards renewable energies (RES) through the promotion of photovoltaic, solar thermal, heat pumps and high-efficiency cogeneration. This system opens the way to future initiatives and activities linked to the Green Economy thanks to the diffusion of the “green” culture in the population.

The Energy Plan (2018/2021 (PEN 3)) currently in force, which is in line with the contents and global objectives of the Paris Conference, aims at a transition towards a future of renewable energy only. Thanks to its modest size, San Marino has the possibility of becoming one of the first countries in the world with zero or even “carbon-negative” emissions.

The Low-carbon-ecosystem project is being studied for the creation of an ecosystem of incentives for the adoption of sustainable behavior by citizens also thanks to blockchain technology.

The Republic of San Marino promotes sustainability and inclusion policies that are the basis of the General Town Plan for the planning and management of the territory with a series of actions for the qualification of the existing building heritage and urban regeneration. The Plan must involve the expectations and needs of citizens towards a shared vision of urban development.

The fight against climate change means food security, sustainable agriculture and progressive conversion to the practice of “organic” crops and farms. Agricultural multifunctionality is encouraged and social awareness is improved in terms of acquiring correct eating habits and combating food waste.

San Marino is really a small country compared to the Great of the Earth but as parliamentarians, as governments, we can implement many useful regulatory interventions

but what can make the difference to speed up the process is to listen to the advice of our young people, who shout and invoke the responsibility of their governments.

It is therefore necessary to involve citizens and the new generations, but it is essential that multilateralism and global cooperation speak only one language and pursue the same goal. The world has come together to fight a pandemic and despite conflicts and wars we must not stop talking and find shared solutions to the problems that affect us all.