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Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great honor for me to represent the Republic of San Marino in this distinguished assembly of the 149th Session of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. The theme that unites us, "Harnessing Science, Technology and Innovation for a More Peaceful and Sustainable Future," is of fundamental importance, not only for great powers, but also for small nations like ours, which have always made dialogue and peace their bulwark.

San Marino, with its thousand-year history of neutrality and independence, is a concrete example of how the centrality of the human being can be the cornerstone for a more just and sustainable future. However, we cannot ignore the fact that today we find ourselves at a moment in history when the very technologies that should promote progress and well-being are being used to fuel conflict and destruction.

The ongoing wars, in different parts of the world, remind us with brutal clarity that technology can be used not only to build, but also to destroy. Drones, autonomous weapons, and artificial intelligence systems used for purposes of war have become instruments of death, often employed without ethical scrutiny or consideration of humanitarian consequences. As Albert Einstein said, "Technology has surpassed our humanity." And this is the greatest danger we face today: a world in which science and technology are divorced from basic human values.

As a small republic, our task is clear: we must be the voice of a world in which technology is not used to oppress, but to liberate. A world in which innovation is geared toward global peace and well-being. We cannot allow artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies to become



weapons of mass destruction, but must channel them toward promoting peace, justice and sustainability.

San Marino, through its active participation in international bodies, has always promoted these principles. Our Parliament has repeatedly reiterated its stance against the use of force to resolve disputes, advocating the importance of dialogue and mediation as primary tools for conflict resolution. In this regard, I would like to mention our continued commitment to election observation missions and peacekeeping operations, concrete efforts aimed at supporting peace and democracy around the world.

In addition, San Marino was one of the first states to ratify the Arms Trade Treaty, a decisive step toward controlling and limiting the proliferation of armaments that, all too often, are the root cause of wars and international tensions. These commitments reflect our deep conviction that true strength lies not in military might, but in the ability to build bridges between peoples.

Our republican history teaches us that peace is never a foregone conclusion, but requires continuous and concrete efforts. This is why San Marino has always advocated the need for a conscious use of technology. As the historical philosopher Ortega y Gasset stated, "Civilization is nothing but the attempt to reduce force to a last resort." This phrase takes on a particularly relevant meaning today: modern civilization must avoid falling back into the temptation to use technology as a weapon of destruction and, on the contrary, exploit it as a tool for human progress and the promotion of peace.

Looking to the future, we must imagine a world in which artificial intelligence and new scientific discoveries are used to alleviate suffering and improve people's lives. Technology can be a powerful tool to help others: think about the use of artificial intelligence to predict humanitarian crises, improve access to health services, and support relief efforts during natural disasters. We can develop digital platforms that facilitate the distribution of aid in areas of greatest need, improve education, and combat inequality. We need to know how to use technology to create a more just society in which no one is left behind.

San Marino, as always, is ready to do its part. With its long tradition of neutrality and dialogue, we can promote the use of technology not only as a tool for progress, but as a means to build a more just, peaceful and supportive world. We must be advocates for change that puts human dignity at the center of technological development, recognizing that



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science and innovation can serve not only to solve problems but to improve people's lives.

Our vision is clear: we cannot talk about peace and sustainability without putting human beings at the center, and we cannot achieve these goals without the conscious and responsible use of science and technology.

Thank you.