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Honourable colleagues,

It is a great honour to take the floor in this prestigious assembly to address a theme that lies at the heart of our time: parliamentary action for social development and justice.

We are living through a time of profound transformation, marked by unprecedented scientific and technological progress. The digital revolution, driven by artificial intelligence and emerging technologies, offers extraordinary opportunities to promote well-being, economic growth, and social justice. But to reach this aim, parliaments must commit to forward-looking and inclusive policies.

In this context, the role of parliaments is fundamental in ensuring sustainable, equitable, and people-centred development.

We must ensure that technology truly serves the common good. This means investing in digital education, ensuring fair and widespread access to new technologies, and establishing regulatory frameworks that foster innovation without compromising fundamental rights or public safety.

San Marino, with its long-standing institutional tradition, stands as a concrete example of how even a small country can embrace innovation while safeguarding core democratic values. Progress and the protection of rights can go hand in hand.

Alongside innovation, social justice must remain a priority. A modern, efficient, and accessible judicial system is the foundation of a healthy democracy. We must continue to digitalise legal procedures, strengthen the independence of the judiciary, and ensure equal access to justice for all.

Gender equality is another essential pillar. It is not only a matter of rights; it is a prerequisite for sustainable development. We need tangible policies to close the gender pay gap, promote female



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representation in decision-making roles, and support a true balance between work and family life.

San Marino is actively moving in this direction, through legislation and parliamentary commitments that place the family, birth rates, and the role of women at the centre of our agenda.

Finally, we must renew our commitment to welfare, healthcare, and education. These are the true pillars of dignity and social cohesion. The global challenges we face — from climate change to international security — require shared responses, based on cooperation and strong democratic institutions.

Honourable colleagues,

the responsibility entrusted to us is great: to build a future where technological progress and social justice advance together, leaving no one behind.

Let us work together for a world where progress is not the privilege of a few, but the right of all.

Thank you

Gemma Cesarini