



General Debate Speech

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Mr. President,

Honourable Colleagues,

it is with great honour that I convey to you, and to all the participants in this Sixth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament, the warmest greetings from the Parliamentary Delegation of the Republic of San Marino.

And it is with even greater pride that I take the floor to address such a crucial and timely topic: parliamentary cooperation and multilateralism. These are indispensable tools for promoting peace and justice for the benefit of all humanity.

"Known to us, unknown to others" — this was the guiding principle of San Marino's foreign policy for centuries. A prudent, discreet, and, at times, apprehensive approach, born of a keen awareness of our small size.

However, today San Marino has chosen to engage within international bodies and mechanisms, such as the United Nations, OSCE, IPU, PAM, and the Council of Europe, because it firmly believes in the power of dialogue, democratic principles, and mutual respect. These values form an indispensable foundation for peaceful coexistence among peoples, because they foster mature democracies and promote freedom — values that lie at the heart of our small Republic.

When functioning effectively, the multilateral system reduces power imbalances, curbs authoritarian tendencies, and offers alternatives to violence and oppression. Yet we too often witness the frustration of our shared humanity, stifled by selfishness, wars, and injustices before our very eyes. The presence of so many countries here today is a testament to our shared belief in multilateralism — and, upon returning to our



respective parliaments, it is essential that we reaffirm this conviction and work to uphold these principles.

International law enables states to foster relations with each other, contribute to global development, and assert their positions on the international stage without the need for military force. Law, dialogue, and cooperation are the real weapons of multilateralism.

For a small State like ours, multilateralism is not just a choice: it is an existential necessity. It is through international cooperation that small States find their strength. Their agile regulatory framework, dynamic diplomacy, and adaptability often allow small States to act as pioneers in forging effective multilateral relations — as demonstrated by concrete examples from our century-old history of freedom and democracy. It is an arduous path, that requires resources, energy, and expertise, but it is also the most valuable investment we can make in our future.

San Marino is present and active, and is determined to play its part — because even the smallest voice, if driven by justice and determination, can contribute to the development of a more effective and, perhaps even more tangible multilateralism.

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