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humanitarian action in times of crisis**

Mr. / Madam President,

Distinguished Colleagues,

It is an honour for me to take the floor on behalf of the Inter-Parliamentary Group of the Republic of San Marino at this Assembly dedicated to a theme of crucial importance for the international community.

Our time is marked by unprecedented levels of violence and instability. More than 120 armed conflicts are currently ongoing worldwide. Millions of people have been forced to flee their homes, and hundreds of millions live in conditions of humanitarian emergency. In this context, respect for international humanitarian law — the cornerstone of the Geneva Conventions — represents not only a legal obligation but also a moral and civil imperative.

The Republic of San Marino, faithful to its long-standing values of neutrality, humanity and solidarity, reaffirms its full support for every initiative aimed at promoting respect for humanitarian norms, protecting civilian populations, and ensuring that humanitarian action can be carried out independently, impartially and safely.

We believe that, in times of crisis, the defence of fundamental humanitarian principles can not be sacrificed to short-term political or security considerations. On the contrary, it is precisely in times of crisis that respect for human dignity becomes the true measure of our civilization and of the credibility of our international institutions.

In a multilateral system, that nowadays is under strain, due to geopolitical divisions and a worrying decline in trust, the role of Parliaments is essential. Parliaments are the people's voice; they are



guardians of democratic values and serve as a bridge between local communities and the international political sphere.

As parliamentarians, we can and we must:

translate the principles of international humanitarian law into national legislation

and ensure adequate resources for cooperation and humanitarian aid,

so as, we have to promote informed public debates, to counter disinformation and reaffirm the centrality of the human beings.

San Marino, though it is small in size, has always believed in the strength of multilateralism and parliamentary diplomacy as tools for peace and cooperation. We will continue to support, both in international fora and in our national framework, policies that place at their core the protection of life, dignity and human rights, without distinction.

In this spirit, our delegation strongly supports the initiatives launched by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the United Nations to renew respect for humanitarian norms, strengthen their action, and provide concrete support to humanitarian workers who risk their lives every day to save others.

Mr. / Madam President,

Colleagues,

The crises that our world is facing today — from armed conflicts to climate disasters, from health emergencies to food insecurity — both demand a collective commitment based on solidarity, cooperation and shared responsibility.

The Republic of San Marino reaffirms its readiness to cooperate with other Parliaments and with International Organizations to promote a culture of peace and humanity, ensuring that no person is left behind.

Thank you

Francesco Mussoni