

142 nd IPU ASSEMBLY

General Debate on:

“Overcoming the pandemic today and building a better tomorrow: the role of parliaments.”

President,

Honourable Colleagues,

it's an honour for me to join the 142 IPU Assembly and have the opportunity to discuss the many challenges we are facing to overcome the Pandemic, which has profoundly changed our lives and also our parliamentary activity.

We all know that nothing will be the same as it was in the pre-Pandemic era;

life has been put on hold to fight against the spread of Covid-19.

Covid 19 significantly transformed the role of parliaments.

San Marino, had to face a hard battle in response to Covid 19, like most of the countries in the world, to find solutions in a very short time to contain the spread.

As representatives of San Marino, today we are very proud to declare that thanks to a successful vaccination campaign, San Marino is close to being a covid-free country: in a few weeks we expect to reach 70% of the population fully vaccinated.

We are ready to boost San Marino's small economy and to resume all the activities that have been suspended during the past year.

Tackling the challenge of vaccine distribution is something that we should all confront as parliamentarians with the main objective of a democratic and equal distribution of vaccines around the world without discrimination on race, wealth and geographic location. It is something we have to tackle now and no one should be left behind!

There is a role for everyone, and we need to come together, speak in one voice and influence the world to do better. The voice of small countries needs to be heard and we, as one of those, thank you for hearing us today.

A fair access to vaccines is proving to be a crucial test for international cooperation, and it establishes how quickly countries will be able to enter the post-Covid recovery phase; as a consequence, the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) adopted by all UN Member States, as part of the Agenda 2030, should be implemented and they will represent the foundation on which Covid-19 recovery strategies can be developed.

We will be successful if we give priority to the Green New Deal, which won't be just a slogan, but a new revolutionary vision, a new challenge that will be won together through the sharing and cooperation between States. We will have to give priority to green infrastructures, mobility, energy efficiency, investments, innovation, taking advantage of the opportunities provided by digital technologies; we will have to guarantee investments in the younger generations, our future, guarantee their welfare, job security and above all promote legal certainty.

Thank you so much
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