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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF SAN MARINO
AT THE 1511th MEETING OF THE
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

6 March 2025

International Women's Day

Mr. Chairperson,

Every year on 8 March we celebrate the progress made by women in the world. At the same time, unfortunately, we see how far we still are from effective gender equality and the empowerment of women in society.

Through the Gender Action Plan, OSCE participating States are committed to improving gender equality domestically and within our Organization. San Marino would like to continue to play its part and hopes that the OSCE institutions will support all participating States in this endeavour.

In the recent past, the Republic of San Marino has made concrete and substantial steps at the national level in favour of gender issues. In 1960, the right to vote was granted to women and, 13 years later, San Marino women were granted full political rights and eligibility for election to public office, and all restrictions that prevented women from assuming official positions, jobs and functions were abolished. In 1974, the first four women parliamentarians were elected, among them the former Permanent Representative of the Republic of San Marino to the OSCE, Fausta Simona Morganti, whom I remember with great esteem and affection, also in a personal capacity. Since 1981, as many as 23 women have held the highest collegial office of Captains Regent, our Heads of State.

A number of recent legislative interventions have aimed to promote women's employment and to eliminate gender discrimination in the workplace, particularly in relation to marital status, family situation and pregnancy.

San Marino continues its efforts to combat and prevent gender-based violence, even the forms most difficult to eradicate, such as psychological violence. Great importance is attached to awareness-raising and training of the population and national stakeholders. However, even more importance is attached to victim support, which is now faster, more anonymous and more effective, thanks not least to the creation at the end of 2024 of the website agata.sm.

Mr. Chairperson,

Although there have been many concrete advances at the international level, there have also been setbacks. Conflicts and crisis situations, but also worrying ideological reversals, increase the likelihood that discrimination of all kinds, including gender discrimination, will grow exponentially.

San Marino therefore wishes to reaffirm its commitment to peace, security and sustainability, also as harbingers of equality.

Thank you for your attention.