STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Chair of the First Committee, as well as the members of the Bureau.

The total elimination of all weapons of mass destruction, being them nuclear, biological and chemical, must remain our absolute priority.

Being the complete elimination of nuclear weapons our main guarantee for survival, the Republic of San Marino is firmly convinced that we must pursue all efforts to fulfill the obligations under the NPT.

Unfortunately, as pointed out by Mrs. Angela Kane, High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, we have to translate our intent on how to proceed to what she called “a results-based disarmament”.

We strongly support Mrs. Kane’s approach. We should not limit ourselves to reaffirm our long-term commitments, but we should focus and ensure the fulfillment of our intentions with actions.

The main focus of the UN is to maintain peace and security. All of us are witnesses to what is happening around the world; even non-state actors can wage wars with heavy artillery, tanks and sophisticated weapons.

We are reaching a point of non-return. Arms manufacturing countries and those that have access to them must maintain strict control of their deadly arsenals. In fact,
without a tight surveillance, not only sophisticated arms can be available to non-state actors and terrorist groups, but also weapons of mass destruction could be at their disposal.

Mr. Chairman,

The fact that still thousands of nuclear weapons are still ready to be deployed around the world is a frightening reality.

One day, somewhere in the world, one or more nuclear weapons could be used by non-state actors, potentially creating the beginning of a global atomic pandemonium.

For these reasons, we look forward with great expectation to the next NPT Review Conference and to the International Conference on the Humanitarian consequences of Nuclear Weapons.

We are quite keen for Member States to effectively dismantle and monitor their arsenals as it has been done already with the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons. This success was the result of an effective cooperation of several countries and international organizations.

Mr. Chair,

The Republic of San Marino welcomes the ATT and hopes that this treaty will be embraced by all the Member States.
In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, San Marino wishes that all the members adopt in a short span of time, and I am quoting again Mrs. Kane “new metrics of disarmament consisting of specific indicators for measuring progress in implementing commitments”.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.