



Statement by H.E. Archbishop Silvano M. Tomasi, Permanent Representative of the Holy See to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva
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SAN MARINO
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Mr. President,

The Holy See welcomes the Delegation of San Marino on the occasion of the presentation of the second National Report to the Universal Periodic Review.

The Delegation of the Holy See welcomes the many encouraging steps that San Marino has introduced since its presentation to the first UPR which favour the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as the efforts made to strengthen legislation and the administration of justice in greater conformity with international instruments.

My Delegation acknowledges San Marino, in particular, for the continued protection of the institution of the family, as a union based on a stable relationship of a man and a woman, especially through the legislation which extends the right of a parent to be absent from work when their child is ill or to assist those members of the family with particular diseases that require special assistance, including those with disabilities and those related to age.

My Delegation wishes to present the following recommendations to the Delegation of San Marino:

- To continue the work already underway aimed at improving the judicial system, including the efforts to establish a new Code of Criminal Procedure.
- To consider social policies that facilitate the integration of migrants and asylum seekers.
- To continue to defend the institution of the family, based on the union of a man and a woman, and to keep providing assistance to those most vulnerable to human rights violations, particularly women, children, and the elderly.

Thank you Mr. President.