



*Remarks by
Ms. Natascia Bartolini
Deputy Permanent Representative of San Marino to the United Nations*

*Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons - Third Meeting of States Parties
New York, 3- 7 March 2025*

Mr. President,

First of all, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you and your team for guiding us throughout this Third Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

This year marks the 80th tragic anniversary of the devastating atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. San Marino wishes to pay homage to the victims and wishes to thank the hibakusha for their relentless dedication towards nuclear disarmament. San Marino shares the same aspiration and reiterates its firm commitment towards our common goal of a world free of nuclear weapons.

Mr. President,

My Country firmly believes in multilateralism, in the UN Charter and in international law. San Marino is a small Country without an army and that has always been advocating against any weapon of mass destruction, whose indiscriminate effects would cause widespread death and suffering.

We reiterate our deep concern for the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any detonation of nuclear weapons. Any nuclear detonation, whose capability is uncontrollable and indiscriminate in nature, would cause immense suffering among the military and civilians and would create short- and long-term devastating effects on the environment, to the socio-economic development and to the health and wellbeing of present and future generations, including disproportionate impact on women and girls.

Mr. President,

In a world in which geopolitical tensions are rising, we don't believe that the threat of inflicting mass destruction can be part of a security strategy.

The nuclear deterrence theory, based on latent nuclear threats, represents an existential security risk for all of us. Furthermore, this theory has been used as justification of qualitative and quantitative expansion of nuclear arsenals, hindering progress towards nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation and undermining trust and dialogue among States.

Mr. President,

We are very concerned that there are still over 12,000 nuclear warheads globally and that many of these weapons are on high alert and ready to be launched within minutes.

Furthermore, San Marino is deeply alarmed by the increasing nuclear rhetoric and firmly condemns any use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, which would be a violation of international law. All nuclear threats and rhetoric are unacceptable and weaken our disarmament architecture.

Moreover, provocative and escalatory actions are increasing nuclear risks and even the use of new military technologies creates further risks and vulnerabilities.

In such a volatile scenario the only guarantee against the use of nuclear weapons is their total elimination.

In a time of global instability, we must spare no efforts and continue to work towards our final goal.

The TPNW is the result of our collective efforts towards this goal. It is vital that we continue to engage for the universalization and full implementation of this instrument.

San Marino welcomes the growing membership of the Treaty. We call on all States that have not yet done so to sign and ratify it as soon as possible.

San Marino appreciates the constructive work done by all the Co-Chairs and Facilitators of the different working groups for the implementation of the treaty.

San Marino would like to commend also the important work of all the stakeholders involved in these processes.

We also welcome the critical work of the Scientific Advisory Group. Thanks to new research and studies, we know that the catastrophic humanitarian and environmental consequences of a detonation would be even more severe, cascading and long-lasting than previously thought. We therefore support the development and dissemination of such studies.

I would like to finish my remarks reiterating that the TPNW represents a substantial, inclusive and constructive platform for a renewed collective engagement towards our final goal.

San Marino reaffirms its full commitment to the effective implementation of this treaty, a fundamental instrument that will bring us closer to our shared goal of achieving and maintaining a world free of nuclear weapons.

Thank you.