

National Statement

on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of San Marino

at the EWIPA Oslo Conference 2024

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Republic of San Marino is particularly committed to disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control in all their forms. From multilateral cooperation in these key areas, important results for international peace and security can be achieved, as well as the exchange of best practices and lessons learned.

The State that I have the honour to represent and in which I have the privilege to live does not have an army, and the police forces responsible for guaranteeing and preserving national order do not carry explosive weapons, nor do they take part in international conflicts. Indeed, the San Marino Constitutional Charter prohibits war as a means of resolving disputes between States, in line with the Republic's centuries-old tradition of peace and dialogue.

The Republic of San Marino signed the Political Declaration on EWIPA in Dublin, on 18 November 2022, and continues to consider it a fundamental instrument to keep the international community's attention focused on the devastating and long-lasting humanitarian impact that such weapons are capable of inflicting in populated areas,





causing deaths, injuries and the destruction of critical infrastructures, to the detriment of the population.

San Marino has taken the national implementation of this Declaration very seriously. The Republic is already fully compliant with the Political Declaration on EWIPA, because of the characteristics outlined above and even from a more civil point of view. Indeed, in our national legal system, there are several prohibitions, including criminal prohibitions, on the possession, use, manufacturing, sale and transfer of explosive materials that are applicable with erga omnes effectiveness.

The San Marino Criminal Code also covers terrorist attacks carried out using explosive devices.

Notwithstanding these positive and initial results, the Republic of San Marino will continue to reflect on this issue, which will serve as a virtuous incentive for the drafting of new legislation to fill any gaps that may arise over time, thanks also to the renewed cooperation between the Department of Foreign Affairs and the San Marino Police Forces.

Following the very useful Vienna Military Workshop, for which I would like to thank the Republic of Austria, San Marino decided to organise in the near future a special meeting on this topic within the Permanent National Counter-Terrorism Commission, in order to further raise the awareness of police forces on this issue, to verify the national regulatory coverage of this phenomenon and to simultaneously increase national cooperation on this subject.

The Republic of San Marino firmly believes that international cooperation in these areas is essential, especially in the current historical period, during which armed conflicts continue to expand throughout the world to the detriment of civilians.



San Marino would like to express its heartfelt gratitude to Norway for hosting this important and highly attended Conference and renews its continued commitment to support similar initiatives aimed at ensuring disarmament actions to save humanity, lives and future generations.

Thank you.