



Republic of San Marino
GREAT AND GENERAL COUNCIL

SITTING OF 15 DECEMBER 2010

SUBJECT: Petition submitted by the majority Parliamentary Groups committing the Government to start negotiations for an increased integration of the Republic of San Marino with the European Union

THE GREAT AND GENERAL COUNCIL
in its sitting of 15 December 2010

approves

the following Petition:

“The Great and General Council

- having expressed a positive opinion on the final report drafted by the Technical Group for the assessment of new integration modalities with the European Union, as well as its most sincere thanks to the Technical Group members for the excellent work carried out in the interest of the Republic;

- having acknowledged the extensive and articulated debate and the will expressed by all Parliamentary Groups to achieve, as soon as possible, a closer integration with the European Union, thus enabling the Republic to establish a dialogue with the legal institutions of other European States without any ambiguity and misunderstanding;

- having regard to the fact that, although the Cooperation and Customs Union Agreement concluded on 16 December 1991 between San Marino and the European Community, still in force, has enabled the Republic to establish a fruitful relationship with Community institutions, San Marino needs today to take a further step towards increased European integration;

mandates the Congress of State

- to start negotiations with a view to achieving a closer and better integration of the Republic of San Marino at a European level;

- to obtain all useful elements and verify the existence of the political and international conditions necessary to start negotiations for the Republic's membership in the European Union.

To this end, it underlines the importance of safeguarding the inclusion of San Marino in the territory of the Customs Union of the European Community.

Negotiations will have to take into account the intentions of the counterparties, the Republic's possibilities to achieve, as soon as possible, the objectives considered as fundamental to the growth and development of the entire country, as well as the need to obtain derogations enabling the Republic to preserve the main elements of its identity.

Invites the Congress of State to

- 1) inform all Parliamentary Groups of negotiation developments and report back to the Great and General Council once negotiations have been concluded;*
- 2) inform the San Marino population;*
- 3) continue to rely on the collaboration and support of the Technical Group members during negotiations;*
- 4) maintain close relations and strong contacts with the other European micro-States.”.*

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