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SECOND REPORT SUBMITTED BY SAN MARINO PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 25, PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE FRAMEWORK CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES

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"... There are no substantial changes relating to the situation of national minorities in San Marino vis-à-vis the report adopted on 30 November 2000. In particular, San Marino has no ethnic minorities living on its territory, and with regard to foreign workers, there are no problems of cohexistance with the indigenous community.

San Marino reiterates the importance of protecting the rights and freedoms of ethnic minorities, both through the approval of internal laws and the ratification of international instruments.

However, it is worth stressing that, at present, the fact that the Republic of San Marino recognises equal rights and duties to national minorities represents only a hypothetical commitment, as there are no such minorities on its territory."