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realtà e prospettive”***

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Opening remarks

Sebastiano CARDI

Ambassador, Director General of political affairs and security of the Italian Ministry of foreign affairs and international cooperation

It is an honor for me to deliver these remarks on behalf of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation here today. I would like to thank the promoters of this event for having once again, this year, gathered such an influential group of experts to discuss issues of exceptional relevance and interest which require growing attention.

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation attaches the greatest importance to the activities carried out by the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in Sanremo. Since its foundation, the Institute has played a crucial role in the promotion of international humanitarian law, proving its ability to renew and adapt to changing times and acquiring the well-deserved reputation of "center of excellence" at an international level.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation has a longstanding relationship of cooperation with the Institute of Sanremo. We are committed to supporting and promoting the activities of the Institute, in particular, the specific training on international humanitarian law carried out in favor of members of the armed forces of many countries.

We particularly appreciate the annual Round Table jointly organized by the International Institute of Humanitarian Law and the International Committee of the Red Cross which the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and

International Cooperation has often supported financially. It represents an important occasion to debate specific aspects of international humanitarian law, focusing our attention on issues that deserve growing attention.

This year, the Round Table “Deprivation of liberty and armed conflicts: exploring realities and remedies” is very timely, since deprivation of liberty, particularly in relation to armed conflicts, continues to pose a range of humanitarian and legal challenges: persons deprived of their liberty face dire conditions of detention and ill-treatment, caused by structural shortcomings in justice and prison systems or violations of basic detainee protections.

I hope you have good and fruitful discussions in these days.