



Republic of San Marino  
**GREAT AND GENERAL COUNCIL**

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SITTING OF 7 JUNE 2011

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**SUBJECT: Petition submitted by the majority Parliamentary Groups and Representatives at the conclusion of the debate on the development of relations with the European Union**

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THE GREAT AND GENERAL COUNCIL  
in its sitting of 7 June 2011

**approves**  
**with 37 votes in favour and 17 against**

the following Petition:

*“The Great and General Council*

- having heard the Government, in the present sitting, on the development of relations with the European Union;*
- considering the shared commitment to effectively responding to the strong desire of the Republic of San Marino for a closer and better integration with the European Union;*
- taking into account the present relations, as envisaged by the Cooperation Agreement in force between the Republic of San Marino and the European Union, which also defines the Customs Union, placing our country in a better position in the integration process;*
- having acknowledged that the European Union, through some initiatives of the services of the European Commission and within the specific working group of the European Council, has started preliminary discussions with the interested countries with a view to developing a general agreement;*

*considers*

*with attention the proposal of an ad hoc agreement with the European Union, without waiving the possibility of accession;*

*commits*

*the San Marino Institutions*

- *to fully implementing the Cooperation and Customs Union Agreement in force with the European Union;*
  
- *to starting negotiations with the Institutions of the European Union, including issues such as: political role and European citizenship, possibility to accede to European training and financing programmes, negotiated acceptance of the four freedoms and the relevant acquis; in this regard, due account shall be taken of the practical difficulties of a small State like San Marino, in a context of a satisfying European integration. Failing these negotiations, it commits the San Marino Institutions to starting the accession procedure to the EU envisaged by Article 49 of the Treaty on the European Union, as amended by the Lisbon Treaty entered into force on 1 December 2009. ”.*

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