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SPEECH BY THE EXC.MA REGENCY AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK "MASTERING CIVIL DEFENCE IN TIMES OF CONFLICT" PROMOTED BY THE EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR DISASTER MEDICINE (C.E.M.E.C.)

We are pleased to receive at the Hearing today the Authorities, the President Prof. Roberto Mugavero together with the highest representatives of the European Centre for Disaster Medicine C.E.M.E.C. on the occasion of the presentation of the book entitled: "Mastering Civil Defence in Times of Conflict", promoted in a choral synergy of intent.

With equal pleasure we extend our warmest welcome to all the welcome guests present.

This volume, of undoubted significance and value, is a guide for emergency experts.

We are certain that the experiences and recommendations contained in the volume will become fundamental guidelines in the management of disasters, wars or situations in which the lives of civilians and also of rescuers are endangered.

Indeed, the testimonies that flow through the pages of the book take us into complex and dramatic contexts, which all too often feature on the front pages of newspapers and in the history of recent decades.

Critical areas that are spreading like wildfire leave us, astonished and dismayed, wishing that we never lose the path of dialogue and international confrontation, with the utmost respect between the parties.



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This is why we reiterate how fundamental the role of the E.M.E.C. is.

The work it has carried out for over thirty years under the aegis of the Council of Europe and the WHO, aimed at training health personnel, police forces, civil protection, volunteers, rescuers and operators of bodies involved in the management of emergencies and disasters, is commendable.

On this praiseworthy occasion, and not only, we congratulate the C.E.M.E.C. for the action constantly carried out and for the praiseworthy activity in favour of prevention and safety education, through continuous training processes.

The calamitous events and natural catastrophes, often also due to man's actions, that increasingly affect the planet make it necessary to intervene quickly and effectively, with important coordination and real collaboration, as well as the availability of not only material, but also scientific and technological resources.

These events, unfortunately, continually affect millions of people and - when they do - people's social and existential stability is profoundly affected. Although the duration of a catastrophic event can be very short, sometimes as little as a few minutes or hours, its effects on living beings and the surrounding environment are of such magnitude that they often leave indelible marks.

We would therefore like to congratulate and express our sincere gratitude to all those involved in the drafting and realisation of this supportive, informative and informative work, which was born out of an



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industrious and unstoppable activity promoted by the National University of Civil Defence of Ukraine, by the European Centre for Disaster Medicine - CEMEC, and by prestigious academic and research institutions, including the University of the Republic of San Marino - University Centre for Security Training - CUFS, University of Rome 'Tor Vergata' - Department of Electronic Engineering and CBRNe Security and Defence Observatory - OSDIFE.

We also applaud the countless rescuers and all those who, on a daily basis, serve such a noble cause by risking their own lives for the benefit of the entire community, bringing hope and comfort to those in great need.

Finally, our praise goes to all the promoting institutions and to the many people involved in the realisation of the publishing project presented today, so that it may be the first in a long series aimed at raising awareness and appreciating the daily commitment of the operators.

Comparisons and exchanges of experience are welcome, works when they are aimed at improving organisation and management for the benefit of efficiency and good results, in such a delicate and complex field as that of national and international emergencies.

Your commitment is immense and we are sincerely grateful to you.

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