

Message from Giorgio Napolitano, President of the Italian Republic

I am very pleased to extend a warm greeting to all the participants to the World Political Forum meeting dedicated to the *New World Political Architecture*. The answers to the questions that will be discussed here will be important elements of evaluation for the creation of an equal and efficient, while sympathetic and steadily improving, world order. Our generation has received from the hands of history the great occasion – and with it the responsibility – to renew the global institutions so as to ensure peace, the defence of human rights and fundamental freedoms, the protection of all members of the international community against every form of prevarication and oppression. Even if we are still far from the solution of such problems, we can highlight some encouraging signs of trust and hope: the practice of a new multilateralism and the diffusion of innovative forms of regional integration based on the example that Europe offers, giving us the idea of the common desire for harmony and progress. Italy has always been committed to an organic and complete reform of world institutions – starting with the United Nations – that can make them adequate to the challenges that the contemporary world requires of them. Trusting that the reflections in this forum will give a valid contribution to the current discussion, I would like to address to President Gorbachev and all the participants my most sincere and warm wishes for your good works.