

## ANNA MOLINARI SPEECH

I am very proud to represent Italy in this important event and to take part in the women's Round Table.

Osteoporosis directly touched my life.

It is not a disease, as many others, that I only heard of.

My mother was affected by osteoporosis, and I – being always very close to her - saw and lived her difficulties and pains. Owing to this disease, I had to give up walking with my mother. All this due to a disease too often considered of minor relevance.

To know about the existence of the International Osteoporosis Foundation brought me back for a moment to the time of my mother's suffering, but with some new hope to give me courage and will to fight.

To actively participate in this event makes me happy and gives me a feeling of closeness to all the sufferers from osteoporosis and their families, who are living something that I personally know very well.

It is my firm intention to help the Lega Italiana Osteoporosi and the International Osteoporosis Foundation in the future, and I hope that it will be useful for sufferers.