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## **Carta dei Diritti dei Cittadini e delle Imprese del Free Territory of Trieste**

### ***Charter of Rights of the Citizens and of the Enterprises of the Free Territory of Trieste***

The Movimento Trieste Libera – Gibanje svobodni Trst – Bewegung Freies Triest – Free Trieste Movement is completing the modern re-establishment of the Free Territory of Trieste and of its international Free Port, on the rigorous legal base of the principles and of the norms of 1947, including these in the current economical, political and strategic reality - for the present and for the future.

So, this is not an ideological action, but an economic and social action for the for everyone's benefit, in a workshop of ideas and of study as well as with the courage to state the truth and legality inspire of ignorance and any hostile power.

We have no territorial or other kinds of claim against others, and we are not enemies or harmful to anybody, rather, we offer adaments to everybody, from Trieste to the wide geo-economical that are its natural inland and focus.

Instead, this is an urgent and essential re-establishment, because there is no other quick and concrete mean to save our people from a destiny made of misery, unemployment and marginalization that, otherwise, would be irreversible.

Because of this, our direct opponents are the local mafia-like parasite organizations, which reduced Trieste to its present condition serving the interests of others, and the ones who want to exploit the question of the Free Territory as an electoral advantage, yet, without doing anything serious to realize it.

But we do also oppose to the ones who regard to the Free Territory of Trieste as a mere utopian struggle. while that is a real battle, it is absolutely possible winning it, by the only means of competence, intelligence and good will.

The Free Trieste Movement has already laid the pillars for the re-establishment of the Free Territory an its Free Port with more and more international and local act and actions, which can be read and downloaded from the net, in Italian and English:

<http://www.movimentotriestelibera.net/wp/archives/2343>

[http:// www.movimentotriestelibera.net/wp/archives/2976](http://www.movimentotriestelibera.net/wp/archives/2976)

We added an actual keystone, which is the support, awareness and affirmation of our rights at the same time, and everyone can use it to defend themselves from the abuses of administering Italian authorities.

It is the “**Charter of Rights of the Citizens and of the Enterprises of the Free Territory of Trieste**” of May 20th, which is open for signatures to everyone and has been notified to the entrusted provisional Italian Government through its delegated Commissar of Government, and is now published and sent to the institutions, States and to international organizations.

The Charter is founded on Resolution No. 16/1947 of the Security Council of the United Nations, on the Treaty of Peace of Paris between the Allied and Associated Powers and Italy of 1947, and on the Memorandum of Understanding of London of 1954.

Its ethical and legal principles, under international law, are these of the the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America, the Charter of the United Nations, the Montevideo Convention of the Rights and Duties of States, the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and of the Charter of Paris.

After a rightful historical and legal premise, the act does solemnly declare that:

*«all citizens of the current Free Territory of Trieste, of any ethnic group, gender, language, faith and nationality, free and equal to each other and to all the people in the world, have and want to exercise, for themselves and for their interests, the following fundamental rights, established by the international legal system, demanding their immediate respect and fulfillment to the administering Government and to the Security Council of the United Nations, awaiting the decisions of the Security Council as for the means of continuation of the temporary administration until the establishment of the permanent Government of the current Free Territory of Trieste».*

The fundamental rights that are expressed are 20, and they do exactly express the norms of international law in force in Trieste, which are a bounding part of the legal system of the Italian State under the laws of ratification and execution of the Treaty itself:

- 1) the right that their legal status of citizens of the current Free Territory of Trieste is recognized and respected by the provisional Government or by the Authority acting as such, by all the States and by the Organization of the United Nations, under the direct protection of the Security Council (Resolution No. 16/1947; Treaty of Peace of Paris, Article 21, point 1);
- 2) the right to have a provisional regime of government (Article 21 and Annex VII) that is honest and correct, exercised under the Treaty of Peace, entrusted to a reliable Government of a reliable State, which has no interests conflicting with these of the current Free Territory of Trieste and of its international Free Port, or to an Authority of the United Nations;
- 3) the right that this provisional administration is carried out like that of the Allied Military Government of the Free Territory of Trieste (AMG - FTT), under the official State insignias of the Free Territory of Trieste (Annex VI, Article. 8) and of no other State:
- 4) the right that this administration enforces, in the provisional regime, all compatible norms of the Permanent Regime of the Free Territory of Trieste (Annex VII, article 2, subparagraphs 3 and 4), as well as the needed updates and integrations as for technical, economical, citizenship, languages and other current matters;
- 5) the rights that this provisional administration issues rightful laws suiting the situation and needs of the current Free Territory of Trieste, with special regard for the human rights and the rights of

other living beings, freedom of enterprise, working rights, housing rights, health care, social assistance, the protection of the environment;

6) the right to be officially and correctly represented in foreign relations by this provisional administrations, as previously done by the Allied Military Government of the Free Territory of Trieste, at the United Nations and before international organizations, in the relations with other European States and with the European Union, as well as under Article 24 of Annex VI ;

7) the right that this provisional administration and the Security Council of the United Nations take care to enforce compliance of all the rights and obligations of other States as for the international Free Port and current Free Territory of Trieste, including the obligations of Italy in regard to social insurances, related reserves and the payment of pensions (Annex X, articles 7 and 8);

8) the right to have their own honest and equal financial and fiscal State administration, separated from that of other States (Annexes VI and VII) not burdened by the fiscal impositions and abnormal public debts of the State of Italy (Annex X, article 5) or that of any other State;

9) the right not to be unfairly expropriated of their house by bodies and laws of the State of Italy, as that has no sovereignty nor jurisdiction over the Free Territory of Trieste (Article 21, point 2 of the Treaty of Peace);

10) the right to the immediate public recognition and re-establishment of the State and Demanial Property of the current Free Territory of Trieste and that of its international Free Port under the provisions of the Treaty of Peace (Annex X, Article 1; Annex VIII, Article 2, point 2);

11) the right to directly elect its representatives on the bases of proportional representation and as part of the independent institutions of the Free Territory of Trieste, as established by the Treaty of Peace (Annexes VI and VII);

12) the right to the complete and free development of the international Free Port of the Free Territory of Trieste in fulfillment of Article 34 of Annex VI and of all the provisions of Annex VIII of the Treaty of peace, including the International Commission for the Free Port (articles 21, 22 and 23), as well as the needed updates and free competition with the ports of other States, but without being subject to their interests and with no artificial actions to divert traffics in their favor (Annex VIII, Article 16, point 3);

13) the right of preference, in case of equal qualification, to the citizens in the appointment of employees of the international Free Port of the Free Territory of Trieste (Annex VIII, article 18, point 3);

14) the right to open and use the Naval Register of the ships flying the flag of the Free Territory of Trieste, and of the Naval registers for the registration, upon demand of their governments, of the ships flying the flag of Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, Czech Republic or Slovakia (Annex VI, article 33);

15) the right to open and use the registry of Commercial Aviation of the Free Territory of Trieste (Annex VI, article 32);

16) the right of State ownership and use of the railways of the current Free Territory of Trieste (Annex VI, article 31);

17) the right to re-open and develop the Stock Exchange of Trieste, illegally shut down by the administering Italian Government and by the State of Italy in 1996;

18) the right that the provisional administration arranges in the best possible way and at the earliest possible time the coming into force of the Permanent Statute of the Free Territory of Trieste;

19) the right that the provisional administration fulfills, rapidly and efficiently, the revision and abolition of all norms and provisions that were implemented in the Free Territory of Trieste under the responsibility of the administering Italian Government in violation of the provisions and obligations of the Treaty of Peace of 1947 and of the Memorandum of Understanding of London of 1954;

20) the right, in case the provisional administration commits further - active or omissive - violations of the international status of the Free Territory of Trieste and of its international Free Port, to exercise the right to self-determination of peoples, established and recognized under the *Charter of the United Nations* (ratified by Italy with Law No. 848/1957), under the *Declaration of Principles of International Law, Friendly Relations and Co-operation Among States in Accordance with the Charter of the United Nations (UN General Assembly Resolution 2625/1970)*, under the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ratified by Italy with Law No. 881/1977)* and under the *Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe*.

But it can be also undersigned and activated by other States and foreign enterprises to claim their rights as for the international Free Port of the Free Territory of Trieste, and by the citizens and organizations of any State to support Trieste before international forums.

After the signatures for presentation, the Free Trieste Movement will collect the signatures of adhesion of the citizens and enterprises via internet, in its headquarter in piazza della Borsa 7 and in the info points moving around the city, but also with the support of the Movimento Trieste Libera Austria – Bewegung Freies Triest Österreich.

Finally, we have the pleasure to inform you that the Free Trieste Movement is already working on the next local and international actions, which in the following weeks will make a decisive contribution to the re-establishment of the Free Territory of Trieste and of the Free Port, but cannot be anticipated before their official presentation.