

International Provisional Representative of the

FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE

Rappresentanza Internazionale Provvisoria del Territorio Libero di Trieste Začasno Mednarodno Predstavništvo Svobodnega Tržaškega Ozemlja Provisorische Internationale Vertretung des Freien Territoriums Triest

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This press conference is held to announce the successful establishment of the **International Provisional Representative of the Free Territory of Trieste**, **I.P.R. F.T.T** – Rappresentanza Internazionale Provvisoria del Territorio Libero di Trieste – Začasno Mednarodno Predstavništvo Svobodnega Tržaškega Ozemlja – Provisorische Internationale Vertretung des Freien Territoriums Triest.

The structure of the Representative organization complies with the principles of international law, but it is also innovative, because the situation of the Free Territory of Trieste and of its international Free Port is unprecedented.

Since 15 September 1947, the Free Territory of Trieste is established and recognized as sovereign State, member *de jure* of the United Nations, under the aegis of the Security Council and with an international Free Port, in execution of Resolution 16/1947 of the Security Council and of the Treaty of Peace, signed at Paris on 10 February 1947, with the only exception of the territorial changes consequent Resolutions 753/1992 and 754/1992 of the United Nations Security Council.

The provided provisional regime of government of the current Free Territory of Trieste was entrusted to an Anglo-American Military Government, A.M.G. F.T.T. and, since 1954, to the Italian Government (not to the Italian State) as civil administrator. With this role, the Italian Government succeeded to the A.M.G. F.T.T. also in the provisional international representation of the Free Territory of Trieste, and it took the responsibility to exercise it also before international organizations.

Instead, the provisional Italian Government has deactivated the international representation of the Free Territory of Trieste to prevent it from defending itself before the Organization of the United Nations and other international organizations against the violations of the trusteeship mandate and of the Treaty of Peace committed by the same Italian Government.

The violations consist in the fact that since 1964 the Italian Government has administered the current Free Territory of Trieste as if it were a province annexed to Italy, forcing the laws, taxes and public debt of the Italian State on it, with which it suffocated democracy and economy in the Free Territory of Trieste and paralysed its international Free Port, violating also the rights of the other States. In order to defend the rights of the Free Territory of Trieste and the rights of the other States from said violations it was necessary identifying the provisional legal instrument to reactivate the international representation of State of the Free Territory of Trieste, abandoned by the Italian Government, until the United Nations Security Council appoints a new representative.

The legal instrument is the specific, direct delegation of the subjects whose rights are violated: citizens, residents, enterprises and organizations of the Free Territory of Trieste and other States, as subjects of private, public and international law. Also, this kind of delegation does not expose to risks, obligations or expenses the delegating subjects.

The International Representative was established on 16 September 2015, with the first delegations on the act that is now released to the press and published on line. Over the following few days, the names of the Directors of the General Secretariat and of Departments of the Representatives are revealed, and the document shall be opened for successive delegations.

At the same time, 236 requests for accreditation to States and international organizations will be formalized, the Italian Government cannot oppose to them without recognizing to have violated the international mandate of temporary civil administration and the Treaty of Peace.

Among the first, founding delegations of the International Provisional Representative there is the delegation of the Free Trieste Movement, in representation of its initiatives in defence of the Free Territory of Trieste and of its international Free Port, which have already been supported by the signatures of more than 25,000 citizens, to activate the requests and deadlines that the Italian Government has not respected.

The International Provisional Representative of the Free Territory of Trieste is subject only to the laws of the Free Territory of Trieste and to the direct jurisdiction of the United Nations Security Council and it acts with the instruments and roles of a State diplomatic mission towards the political, economic, financial international actors, and with the instruments of the bodies of the provisional administration of the Free Territory of Trieste.

We are pleased, therefore, to inform the press, public opinion and political, economic, financial international observers that since 16 September 2015 the Free Territory of Trieste has once again its legitimate, independent, international representative of State, and that it is already active.

Consequently, what remains of the Italian Government as temporary civil administration of the Free Territory of Trieste and of its international Free Port is now limited to the obligation of ordinary administration, in compliance with the mandate, until the appointment of a new Administering Authority by the United Nations Security Council. At the same time, the Italian State remains a third, bordering Country, like the Republic of Slovenia, bounded to respect the Treaties, with which the Free Territory of Trieste wants to establish and maintain the best good-neighbourly relations of economic and cultural cooperation and of international cooperation.

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