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Dear chairman, dear participants,

Enclosure

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As decided by the UN Security Council in 1947, the Free Territory of Trieste shall be **demilitarised**. Yet, in the city of Trieste, between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010<sup>1</sup> the Italian army wiretapped over 2200 private individuals, an invasion of privacy, which also directly affects the right to freedom of expression. In terms of resources, during the aforementioned period, Italy spent on this over 6 million euros, i.e. over 5 times more than the Italian average for such activities. And all this happened in what should be considered a free international territory.

Following two **nonviolent demonstrations** in the Free Port of Trieste on 8 December 2013 and 10 February 2014, the public prosecutor indicted 57 citizens –randomly picked out of thousands – on, among other charges, "seditious gathering", thus putting forward for the first time since 1943 an article from the Fascist era. Consequently, citizens will **be brought before a criminal court** on 9 November 2015, simply for having peacefully expressed their opinion. The first demonstration whereby thousands of Triestines protested over the ravaging employment crisis caused by the maladministration of the Free Port of Trieste had been authorised by the Italian authorities themselves, while the second demonstration consisted of a 10-hour long peaceful sit-in inside the Old Port of Trieste. This **International Free Zone**, which legally speaking should not be subject to Italian sovereignty, as clearly declared by the international community by means of Annex VIII to the Treaty of Peace of 1947<sup>2</sup> with Italy which remains in force, has been **left falling into ruin**. The Italian Government should to its utmost to respect the deliberations of the Security Council.

The citizens of the Free Territory of Trieste now ask UN Member States, which have, by law, direct rights over Trieste – the Russian Federation, the United States of America, the Republic of Serbia<sup>3</sup>, Hungary, Austria, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, the United Kingdom, and France; and all members of the Security Council – to **urgently establish an International Commission**, in order to put an end to the tragic and illegal situation, caused by Italy having forcefully **neglected the International Port** – the main Free Trade Zone of Central Europe. This can be achieved by immediately **applying international legislation** currently in force over Trieste, first of all Annex VIII to the Treaty of Peace.

As things stand at the moment, in order to redefine the supranational and market rôle of Trieste, and in the interest of the peoples of Central Europe and beyond, we ask the UN Council on Human Right to bring to the attention of the Security Council the matter described in this statement and put back on the agenda the nomination of the Governor of the Free Territory of Trieste

<sup>1</sup> Latest data available, source Court of Auditors - Rome

<sup>2</sup> The Treaty of Peace was signed in Paris on 10 February 1947 and confirmed in all the judgments and orders of the Italian justice, last the TAR sentence 530/2013.

<sup>3</sup> Taking into consideration the AGREEMENT ON SUCCESSION ISSUES (signed in VIENNA on 29th June 2001 by REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, BOSNIA HERCEGOVINA, REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIJA AND FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA-actually SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO) and considering that ARTICLE 9 of the agreement says: THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED BY SUCCESSOR STATES IN GOOD FAITH IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW, all successor states should have responsibilities regarding the so called ZONE B OF THE FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE that was administered by YUGOSLAVIA. Currently, the so called ZONE B OF THE FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE is administered by SLOVENIA and CROATIA. Both states signed THE AGREEMENT ON SUCCESSION ISSUES. The MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING was signed by USA, UK, ITALY and YUGOSLAVIA and for the above reasons the SUCCESSOR STATES should recognize the MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.