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# International Provisional Representative of the FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE

Rappresentanza Internazionale Provvisoria del Territorio Libero di Trieste  
Začasno Mednarodno Predstavništvo Svobodnega Tržaškega Ozemlja  
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## **Statement of the I.P.R. F.T.T. about the first results in the fiscal lawsuit versus the Italian Government**

The fiscal lawsuit initiated May 2017 by the International Provisional Representative of the Free Territory of Trieste – I.P.R. F.T.T. VS the provisional administering Italian Government obtained a first, positive result during the appearance hearing, held on Tuesday, November 28th, 2017.

For instance, the Italian Government lodged its appearance before Court through the Trieste office of the State's Legal Service, which however was not present before Court. The Judge established a new term to lodge written statements of case or written observations: May 15th, 2018.

The theses of the defence, as proposed by the Italian State's Legal Service, were in facts conflicting with the position of the Italian Government which, with a recent Decree on the management of the international Free Port of the Free Territory of Trieste, admitted that it is exercising temporary civil administration over Trieste, on mandate of the British and of the US Government, on behalf of the United Nations Security Council.

Due to this, the International Provisional Representative of the Free Territory of Trieste appreciates the decision of the Italian Government to not support such indefensible theses any further, and also the decision of the Court to grant it a six months term to address and settle the dispute with negotiations that will certainly be reasonable and satisfactory for both parties.

During this time, the fiscal lawsuit initiated by the I.P.R. F.T.T. remains open to further adhesions of citizens and enterprises from both the present-day Free Territory of Trieste and other States, which so far have already supported it with nearly 500 interventions.

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