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International Provisional Representative of the FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE

Rappresentanza Internazionale Provvisoria del Territorio Libero di Trieste
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Provisorische Internationale Vertretung des Freien Territoriums Triest

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This Representative compliments Mr. President of the Council of Ministers of the Italian Government, which is sub-entrusted with the temporary civil administration of the present-day Free Territory of Trieste by the Governments of the United States of America and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on behalf of the UN Security Council.

In view of the decision adopted on March 9th, 2020, with which You extended to the whole Italian national territory the urgent measures to contain and manage the COVID-19 epidemic emergency previously established with Decree Law No. 6 of February 23rd, 2020, we have the honor and duty to draw the attention of the Italian Government on the following circumstances regarding the necessity to extend the provision of these measures to the sub-administered Free Territory and to the areas of its international Free Port:

1. Being this a measure concerning an epidemic emergency aiming to prevent a possible pandemic outbreak, it does *ipso facto* have immediate efficacy not only on the Italian sovereign territory, but also on that of the present-day Free Territory of Trieste, the civil administration of which is sub-entrusted to the responsibility of the Italian Government under a special, international trusteeship mandate.

2. Considering the imminent establishment of the Republic of Slovenia's border and health checks along the border with Italy and with the Free Territory administered by the Italian Government, it is necessary and appropriate that the Italian Government establishes border and health checks along the three checkpoints on the Italy-Free Territory State border, in particular:

- along *strada statale* No. 14 at S. Giovanni di Duino / Štivan,
- along *strada statale* No. 55, at Medja vas / Medeazza,
- at the tollgate at the exit of the A4 Trieste-Lisert highway,

as well as at the entrances of the international Free Port and at the landing sites of the customs port of the sub-administered Free Territory.

3. Furthermore, the preventive measures adopted by the Italian Government are of such nature that they cause serious social and economic damages also to the citizens,

residents, and to the enterprises that work in the sub-administered Territory, as well as damaging its international Free Port and its customs port, which are still subject to heavy direct and indirect taxes of the Italian State that are already challenged with illegitimacy in pending, civil lawsuits No. RG APP 139/19, No. RG 4277/18, and No. RG 5209/19.

Therefore, it appears necessary, dutiful, and appropriate that the sub-administering Italian Government takes care to enforce not only the economic support measures envisioned by Italian Decree Law No. 9 of February 23rd, 2020, or others alike, but also to suspend, for a reasonable time, the collection of the disputed direct and indirect taxes in the administered Free Territory.

Please accept, Mr. President of the Italian Council of Ministers, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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To Mr. President of the Council of Ministers
of the Italian Government
Giuseppe Conte