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Press conference on observations submitted against the E.I.A. procedure for the Municipality of Trieste's "Old Port" project.

Trieste, 14 April 2026 – The International Provisional Representative of the Free Territory of Trieste - I.P.R. F.T.T. has lodged its observations against the Municipality of Trieste's proposal to assess whether its planned urbanization of the Northern Free Port should be subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment (E.I.A.).

The assessments are primarily grounded in the project's incompatibility with the international obligations of the Italian State and of the Italian Government with respect to the present-day Free Territory of Trieste and its international Free Port, E.U. legislation, and the severe environmental pollution affecting the Northern Free Port.

In fact, the attempted urbanization of the Northern Free Port, also called the "old port", is a scandalous international fraud because it affects a strategic sector of the international Free Port of Trieste, which is subject to international legal constraints under the Treaty of Peace with Italy of 10 February 1947, currently in force.

Furthermore, since 1954 the temporary civil administration of the present-day Free Territory of Trieste, which borders with Italy and Slovenia, has been sub-entrusted to the responsibility of the Italian Government by the Governments of the United States of America and of the United Kingdom on behalf of the United Nations Security Council.

By accepting to exercise the sub-mandate, the Italian Government has also committed to respecting the integrity of the international Free Port (Annex VIII, art. 3 of the Treaty of Peace), making any attempt to transfer it or reduce its area a simultaneous violation of the sub-mandate of temporary civil administration and of the rights of all States and their enterprises to fully use the international Free Port of Trieste.

The assessments lodged by the I.P.R. F.T.T. will be presented in Trieste on **Friday, 17 April 2026, at 11:30 a.m. in Piazza della Borsa 7**, at the offices of the Free Trieste Movement.