



Press conference held on May 11th, 2015

Double legal action to block the illegal housing and building speculations against the Northern Free Port of Trieste.

This press conference has been summoned to explain the schema of an action that looks complex but, in facts, is very simple. The complete and complex document is on line, where all details can be found.

As known, a transversal consociation of politicians and other interests is attempting, since years, to eliminate and illegal urbanize the Northern Free Port of Trieste, giving it up to housing and building speculations, at risk of attracting the money laundering of Mafia-like organizations, after emptying and abandoning it for the purpose, telling lots of list to sell this as a successful operation.

Instead, that would be an economical suicide and a robbery against Trieste, as we would be deprived of half of the equipped international Free Port, and that cannot be substituted quickly - and this is why they are attempting to move it outside Trieste, in Monfalcone, Cervignano and Porto Nogaro. All of this to favor the diversion of the Baltic-Adriatic and Transsiberian commercial routes from Trieste, Koper and Rijeka to the ports of the Italian peninsula, especially those in Campania, Calabria and Puglia, under the strictest control of organized criminality.

This operation is illegal, since it violates international law, but also the Italian legal system, as the Constitution of the Republic of Italy subjects that to international agreements. But, since 2013, when the PD took control of all local administration and became the ruling party in Italy, the local bosses of the PD attempted to force - way beyond all previous attempts - the illegal operation, making a Gordian knot out of propagandas, pseudo-legal thesis and fraud-norms that cannot be enforced, like the amendments of Senator Russo to the Italian financial law for year 2015.

The Free Trieste Movement decided to clean cut this Gordian knot by taking action on the key question of the ownership of the Northern Free Port. In Trieste, is in force the Austrian Land Registry Law, under which ownership and all rights *in rem* are demonstrated by the registration of ownership titles.

The latest valid title of ownership is the Treaty of Peace of Paris of 1947, which is also an Italian law, and it established that, since September 15th, 1947, all state and para-statal properties are legally transferred to the State Property of the Free Territory of Trieste, while the properties within the Free Port become its properties. Due to this, since that date, all the registrations of properties are to be considered ownership titles of the State Property of the Free Territory of Italy, not State Properties of Italy, and there are many properties have already been registered to that. Anyone can see it on the Land Registry Book (*Libro Fondiario*).

The title of ownership has not been amended, since no different or superior title came into force. The Memorandum of Understanding of London cannot be regarded as one, since it is a mere executive instrument of the Treaty, same goes for the Italian-Yugoslav Treaty of 1975, as that was nothing but a bilateral treaty and, as such, it had no legal force to amend the Treaty of Peace, being that a multilateral, normative instrument.

Due to this, the ownership of the State Property of the Italian State over the Free Port - and in Trieste in general - is a mere simulation, yet, Italian politicians need it to archive the illegal

operation at the expenses of the Northern Free Port. But the Italian State Property Office has never registered it, since it did not have, not it has, legitimate ownership titles to do it.

This is why early in April, the Free Trieste Movement activated the registration procedures to register those properties under the ownership of their legitimate owner, which is the “*Demanio dello Stato del Territorio Libero di Trieste – Porto Franco internazionale di Trieste*”, (State Property of the Free Territory of Trieste - International Free Port of Trieste) upon complement of the Land Registry Book. This procedure is in course, and politicians remained silent, as they know it means Checkmate.

This is why they attempted to force the operation anyways, pretending to be unaware of the registration procedure as they had not been involved in it yet, so they signed under the reflectors of massive propaganda the illegal agreement of April 28th, between Italian State Property Office, Municipality of Trieste, Port Authority - current on leash of those politicians - Region Friuli Venezia Giulia and other State or Region offices.

Facing this new ostentation of arrogance, the Free Trieste Movement decided to blow them out and, on May 6th, it notified the registration procedure to them, along with a warning and a criminal complaint to the State Property Office, to the Municipality, the Port Authority, the Region, the Commissar of Government and others, as well as to the Minister of infrastructures and transports, Delrio, to Antimafia authorities, to the Anti-corruption agency and to the Prosecutor of the Republic.

The act does also contain the antimafia questions - without response - including these which, since a long time, regard deputy Ettore Rosato, but also notices about the sales of the State Property Office, in need of further verifications, since there is evidence that it has sold some properties that, soon after, were sold again by the buyers for amounts doubling the original price.

The warning does also regard all other State Properties of the Free Territory of Trieste and of the international Free Port.

The result is that, currently, politicians stay silent because, while at first they had not understood our action, by now, someone took care to explain it to them. And they do also know to have no ownership titles superior to the Treaty of Peace and to the Italian Laws executing and ratifying the Treaty, which we have lodged at the Land Registry Office.

The current situation configures the following: those politicians and officers will once again attempt to force the cession of the properties to the Municipality and their urbanization but, their acts will be liable before criminal, civil, administrative and revenue Courts, as well as making it possible impugning it before international Courts under the procedures for litigations established under the Treaty as for controversies regarding the Free Port.

Because, as we wrote in the act - and we did clearly demonstrate it - the attempt to illegally urbanize the Northern Free Port is a fraud against the State and the city of Trieste, but it would be so also if the State were Italy instead of the Free Territory of Trieste.

Even the Commissar of the Government in Trieste in facing an inescapable impasse, since if she tries to move away the Free Port regime, she uses the special powers of trusteeship over the Free Territory of Trieste confirming, at the same time, the lack of both ownership and sovereignty of Italy over Trieste and over the Port.