



Trieste Libera  
Svobodni Trst  
Free Trieste

Free Trieste Movement - Piazza della Borsa 7 - 34121 - Trieste - Free Territory of Trieste

Sir commander-in-chief of Italian Armed Forces,

let us to firmly contest, ethically and legally, the political-military celebrations that you subordinates have summoned on May 23rd and on May 24th to celebrate the entry of the Kingdom of Italy into the war in 1915.

Ethically, we consider it immoral, grotesque and unprecedented celebrating the beginning of a military aggression with which a cynical, rapacious and corrupted political class threw its people in the massacre of people that was the First World War to seize the territories of others, in which, for the following 27 years, it committed crimes against the population speaking Italian, Slovenian, Croatian and German, as well as against political opponents: crimes that are still denied or hidden by the means of senatorship and nationalist propagandas.

It does also offend the principles of military honor not recognizing that 99% of the soldiers of those lands, Austrian lands at the time, which are southern Tyrol (Trentino and Southern Tyrol), eastern Friul, the area of Gorizia, Trieste, part of Carniola, Istria and Dalmatia, did not fight for Italy, but for their plurinational motherland, Austria - Hungary, and they fought tenaciously and fiercely enough that they entered Italian territory until the very last day of the war.

The apologetic spirit of the celebrations that we are questioning does as well brutally the moral principle of the repudiation of war, secured under Article 11 of the very Constitution of the Republic of Italy.

Under the legal perspective, we must also draw your attention, for all purposes, that since 1954 the Free Territory of Trieste is entrusted under a special trusteeship to the Italian Government, not to the Italian State, and that military presences and celebrations in Trieste do violate the demilitarization and neutrality of the Free Territory, established under the Resolution No. 16/1947 of the Security Council of the United Nations, under the Treaty of Peace of Paris of February 10th, 1947 (Annex VI, Article 3) and the Italian laws ratifying and executing the Treaty (Law No. 811/1947; Legislative Decree of the Provisional Head of State No. 1430/1947; Law No. 3054/1952) as an international obligation ranking higher than the very Constitution of the Republic of Italy (articles 10 and 117).

Trieste, May 21st, 2015

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Roberto Giurastante, president

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**Al Comandante in capo delle Forze Armate Italiane**  
Sergio Mattarella, Presidente della Repubblica