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**5 JUNE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ?
TIME TO GET RID OF THEM ALL !
WITH ACTIVE ABSTENTION FROM VOTING
AND COMPULSORY ADMINISTRATION**

Trieste, 5 May 2016 - **The Free Trieste Movement, which is the biggest and most followed on line among local political organizations, but does not run for Italian elections, explained today [5/5] during a press conference held in its head office of piazza della Borsa 7 its own strategy to invalidate the local elections that take place on 5 June in the Municipalities of Trieste and Muggia rejecting all electoral rolls and candidates, as well as placing both public bodies under compulsory administration.**

Trieste Libera actually considers that the State of Italy has no legal title to levy its taxes and summon its own elections in the present-day Free Territory of Trieste entrusted under a mandate of temporary civil administration of the Italian Government on behalf of the United Nations, and that electoral rolls, candidates, and programs proposed are all deceptive or as unsuitable as the previous administrations to solve the serious economic crisis of Trieste and of its international Free Port.

The Triestine Movement does therefore propose that the citizens reject the whole Italian political-electoral system with active and passive abstention, and requesting that the Municipalities are placed under compulsory administration until the summoning of the legitimate elections, in compliance with the international legal system of the Free Territory, which does also rule for proportional representation, and excludes the use of the debated Italian majoritarian system.

For this purpose, Free Trieste did declare 5 June “NO ELECTION DAY” and provides to the citizens two forms to undersign, one to declare their “abstention from vote with reasons” to be presented to polling stations, and another one to request compulsory administration that is to be presented to the Commissar of the Italian Government, delegated to exercise the powers of temporary civil administration over the present-day Free Territory of Trieste.

Free Trieste does voices popular protest of the citizens of Trieste against the «incapable and corrupted Italian political system, which cannot be remedied», underlining that «this is not “separatism” but law enforcement, since the independence of the Free Territory from Italy is enacted since 1947 by virtue of the Treaty of Peace with Italy, as recently confirmed by the UNO with document S/2015/809 and with the Resolutions which, since 1992, define the new borders of State of the Republics of Slovenia and of Croazia.»

The strategy of Free Trieste adds to passive abstention from voting the political and legal instrument of active abstention, which voters exercise by going to their polling station, but to refuse the electoral ballot and lodging to record the appropriate declaration with reasons provided by the Movement, which contains the declaration of the citizenship of the Free

Territory and explains in deep its international legal bases, all confirmed in the Constitutional legal order of Italy.

Free Trieste has already started proposing this legal instrument of opposition in past elections, receiving in exchange thousands of declarations of abstention lodged at polling stations and a high rate of passive abstentions and, at the same time, it has extended the legal opposition with a campaign of fiscal liberation (*no taxation without representation*).

During the month of this electoral campaign, from 5 May and 5 June the Movement is explaining and distributing the forms for active abstention and for the request to place the municipalities under compulsory administration in its head office, piazza della Borsa 7, with public demonstrations and with a special issue of “Trieste Libera News” to be released soon.

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