



Distinguished President, Distinguished Members

My name is Ugo Rossi and I have been recently elected councillor of Trieste's City Council. Firstly, I would like to thank you for the opportunity of being here. I also represent the 3V Movement, an Italian National party that has in its main objectives the respect of the human rights and to support the minorities in their rights across the country and in the Free Territory of Trieste

In my recent election campaign, I have immediately requested the implementation of all the rights included and promoted in the binding covenant of the UDHR.

I would like to provide my experience, and tell you all what has happened whilst trying to defend a minority as Councillor. In fact, during my election campaign I expressed my opinion in relation to the application of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, consequently I chose to promote the same issues expressed by the Provisional Government of the FTT, in addition to other challenging issues, for example in relation to the compulsory sanitary treatments that the people was obliged to undergo despite their will.

This political choice of mine, has led to a series of heavy reprisals, even physical ones, on my person, by the peripheral law enforcement agencies of the Italian State, which have always tried to hinder my free expression of opinion and demonstration.

Today, in this forum, I can finally denounce the State party, which, in violation of Article 5 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, since through its peripheral bodies, law enforcement agencies and legal apparatuses, has engaged in discriminating against and obstructing my person, obstructing and repen to not guarantee me the right to enjoy my political rights, in particular the right to participate in elections, solely because of my opinion shared with the Provisional Government of the Free Territory of Trieste, Zone A.

After my election as Councillor of Trieste, my political life was subjected to further pressure and harassment of all kinds, including unfair trials for trivial reasons.

These continuous reprisals, in my opinion, culminated in my being placed under house arrest for three months by the Court of Trieste, in addition to being banned from entering Zone a of the Free

Territory of Trieste for further five months, for a total of 8 months.

This sentence did not allow me to carry out and be able to participate in my institutional function, as a person elected by the people, something that has never happened before to those who are elected by the people, who are denied the institutional position for political reasons.

Reiterating, what has already been expressed by the Commission on Human Rights, in the 34th periodic review of the Working Group, november 2019, as Councillor of the Municipality of Trieste, I am deeply concerned about the total lack of establishing an independent human rights body, despite the fact that numerous international bodies have called on Italy for it, being of fundamental importance on the basis of the Paris Convention.

As elected councillor I ask this Forum, to urge the State party, as soon as possible, to establish the independent body in order to review what has been disregarded and unrecognised to date in the Free Territory of Trieste.

As elected Councillor of Trieste, together with the Provisional Government of the Free Territory of Trieste, we consider it necessary and appropriate to send an international commission to verify what we have both denounced, in order to remedy the claims presented.

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I thank you for the space provided and I look forward to further discussions.