Minutes of the meeting of the Comites of London held on 24 November 2022 in "hybrid" format:

A) in presence at the premises of the Italian Church of St. Peter at 136 Clerkenwell Road, London EC1R5DL;

B) the Councilors who wish to connect remotely, can do so with the possibility of participating in real time via connection to the online platform "Zoom", meeting no .84562222178

The session opens at 6.00 pm.

The President Alessandro Gaglione chaired the session and acted as

Secretary Chiara Cerovac.

The following directors were present:

1 Alessandro Gaglione

2 Elio Alberti

3 Nicola Del Basso

4 Antonino Martorana

5 Mike Petretta

6 Chiara Cerovac

7 Elena Remigi

8 Dimitri Scarlato

9 Melchiorre Roberto (Rino) Nola

10 Francesca Doria

11 Federico Lago

The Consul Diego Solinas was present.

The following Councillors are connected via zoom:

1 Vincenzo Loggia

2 Anna Cambiaggi

3 Germana Canzi

4 Luciano Rapa

5 Luigi Billé

6 GolamTipu

7 Livia Grasso

Attached to these minutes is a screenshot showing the participation of the Directors,

as specified above.

The Chairman ascertains and has it ascertained that the quorum required by law is present

and, therefore, declares the meeting validly constituted and able to resolve on the following

Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of the previous session.

2. Hearing of MEPs elected in Europe.

3. Issue of the mandatory opinion on the request for contributions by SIAL.

4. Updates on the 2022 ordinary loan and on the applications for supplementary contributions.

5. Scheduling of Comites meetings for the year 2023.

6. Current and future projects:

--report of the meeting with the Associations of 17 November and proposal of further

meetings;

- webinar on the transition from pre-settled to settled status;

--presentation of the study carried out by Dr. Marco Antonsich.

7. Business cards for Comites Councillors

8. Miscellaneous and other items.

Before starting with the items on the agenda, Consul Solinas gives us a quick

update on the activities of the Consulate and answers the question posed during the last session by

part of Fr. Elio regarding the delay of the Consulate in issuing passports to Brazilian citizens,

or in any case from South America. Consul Solinas reiterates that the reason is to be found in the fact that there have been numerous cases of requests for Italian citizenship through agencies or studios’ operating in a non-compliant manner to the law, for this reason, the Judiciary has opened a series of investigations that have concerned many Italian municipalities. The Consulate, for its part, has begun to receive a large number of citizenship applications from some Italian Municipalities; therefore began an investigation activity which has landed in the discovery of several anomalies.

Whenever three circumstances occur (recent AIRE registration, citizenship request and citizenship obtained iure sanguinis) a check by the Consulate is initiated. The Consulate contacts the Municipality from which the request is made, and until it has received an answer, it keeps the applicants' files suspended. This work unfortunately takes a long time, especially when the Municipalities delay in giving an answer.

Fr Elio points out that the Consulate should contact the persons under investigation and that a possible delay in the issuance of passports should be reported on the website.

Consul Solinas agrees with Fr. Elio's request in reporting on the Consulate website the matter above.

1. The minutes of the previous session are unanimously approved.
2. The newly elected MEPs in Europe are connected online: Hon. Simone Billi, Andrea Crisanti, Federica Onori and Toni Ricciardi. Each of them introduces themselves to the Councillors exposing their willingness to collaborate with Comites.
3. As already established in the previous session, we all agree in wanting to assign contributions requested by SIAL. In this regard, Eleonora Giovannardi is connected. Germana Canzi points out that some of the schools on the list provided by SIAL are private, not public and this error should be corrected. She also asks if it is possible to expand the offer of Italian courses to non-Catholic schools as well. Actually, E. Giovannardi, states that many of the Catholic schools are used simply as teaching venues, that is, only the premises are rented in order to organize the lessons. SIAL always asks for the collaboration of parents to organize courses in less covered areas and in any case where there is a possible request.
4. Supplementary financing: financing SPID: approved; Communication Project: under review by the Ministry; Second phase project of the Brazilian Italian community: suspended, will be examined later. Ordinary financing: difficult to manage as the contributions requested in September 2021 were received in October of the following year. A little monetary advance arrived in April. At this point we find ourselves at the end of the year with a balance sheet of £9000 which if not spent will be deducted next year. President Gaglione reminded the committee that by law the disbursement of contributions should take place in the first quarter of the year. The Councillor and treasurer Vincenzo Loggia points out that we cannot make advanced payments.
5. An email was sent to all Councillors with the list of expected meeting dates of Comites in 2023.
6. The meeting with the Associations had a notable response, the common desire is to replicate it, perhaps organizing it in a more targeted, more sectoral way. E. Remigi proposes a webinar to be held approximately between February and March on the transition from pre-settled to settled status. A. Cambiaggi gives us an update on the study carried out by Dr Antonsich; it's good point and Dr Antonsich would like to present it in June. He asks the Comites help in finding a location to present it.
7. The possibility of printing business cards for Comites councillors is proposed, the Councillors are invited to just give your name if you would like them.
8. Miscellaneous and other items.  
   President Gaglione recalls that on December 13 there will be the award of Italian artists to which we are all invited.  
   ITA offers discounted rates to Comites representatives.  
     
   At this point the Chairman, having exhausted the items on the agenda, declares session closed at 20.05.

The President

**Alessandro Gaglione**

The Secretary

**Chiara Cerovac**