Minutes of the London Comites meeting held on 6 July 2023 in online format, via electronic connection to the “Zoom” platform, meeting no. 867 5629 9529.

The session opens at 6pm.

The session is chaired by President Alessandro Gaglione and Chiara Cerovac acts as Secretary.

The Councilors are connected:

1 Alessandro Gaglione

2 Chiara Cerovac

3 Mike Petretta

4 Luigi Bille’

5 Tony Martorana

6 Nicola Del Basso

7 Luciano Rapa

8 Anna Cambiaggi

9 Dimitri Scarlato

10 Livia Grasso

11 Rino Nola

12 Elio Alberti

13 Federico Lago

14 Golam Maula Tipu

15 Elena Remigi

16 Vincenzo Loggia

Justified absences:

17 Germana Canzi

18 Francesca Doria

The Consul Francesco De Angelis and the CGIE Councilor Giannino D'Angelo are also connected.

Finally, Pietro Molle and Giuseppe Ciccomascolo are also connected.

A screenshot showing the participation of the Councilors is attached to these minutes, as specified above.

The President establishes and ensures that the quorum required by law is present and, therefore, declares the meeting open and proceedable and capable of deciding on the following:

1. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

2. Updates from the President and Treasurer.

3. Reports from the CGIE Councilors on the establishment of the CGIE itself.

4. Update on ongoing projects and proposals for new projects:

- workshop on multilingualism (Dr. Carmen Silvestri) during the week of the Italian language and culture;

- discussion on the “Scholarships” project;

- report on the event by Dr. Antonsich and possible supplementary project by Dr. Antonsich and Dr. Ramadhani Mussa;

- discussion on the communications received from Doctor London and Medici Italiani a London;

- update on the SPID and EUSS project.

5. Any other business.

Before moving on to the discussion on the items on the agenda, Consul De Angelis provides an update to

the assembly on news relating to consular services.

Consul De Angelis then takes the opportunity to leave, due to the end of the mandate, and thanks the members of Comites for their collaboration over the years during which he served at the Consulate General in London. He will be moving soon to Rome to continue his work.

We then move on to the discussion of the items on the agenda.

1. The minutes of the previous session (25 May 2023) are approved - unanimously.

2. The President updates the assembly on the Complitaly project (Report from the Italian community).

On July 17th there will be the annual Intercomites meeting during which we will discuss the Complitaly project involving the three Comites in the United Kingdom. Furthermore, it will soon be the “Gruppo di Lavoro” that will support Complitaly and will be composed of representatives of the three Comites.

Subsequently, the President allows Pietro Molle to quickly update everyone regarding meetings for passport renewal. Pietro Molle is helping, as Volunteer, Comites in the preparation and holding of the meetings and confirms that, after the first two days, it was seen that the compatriots greatly appreciated this service offered by Comites, in collaboration with the Consulate General of Italy in London.

At this point, the Treasurer Vincenzo Loggia presents the draft 2024 budget to the assembly, underlining the drastic reduction made to Comites funding.

Regarding the Comites Secretary, the decision is confirmed, for the moment, to modify the contract to that of part-time.

In this regard, Councilor Anna Cambiaggi asks the three members of the CGIE to ask the Ministry, and reasons for, the delay with which the funds are disbursed to Comites.

At this point, regarding the 2024 budget estimate, the Treasurer asks the assembly whether it is advisable to request funds for a part-time or full-time secretary in office. After extensive discussion it was agreed to ask for a contribution for a full-time secretary.

3. Subsequently, the interventions of the three members of the CGIE for the United Kingdom follow, recently installed in their roles are:

E.Remigi: the CGIE is the highest representative body for Italians abroad. Her role is that of advising the Government and Parliament on the major issues that concern the Italian communities abroad. Within it, there are 8 Commissions and some “Gruppi di Lavoro” that deal with various topics including consular services, tourism, etc. E. Remigi herself is vice president of Commission I, Information and Communication and deputy coordinator of the “Gruppi di Lavoro”

“Brexit and European integration”

L.Bille': is once again part of the VI commission of the CGIE which concerns the Conference

Permanent State, Regions, Autonomous Provinces and CGIE.

G. D'Angelo: he is part of the "Promotion of Country System Abroad" commission, as well as being

coordinator of the Brexit Gruppo di Lavoro.

1. Workshop on multilingualism: this project is being handled by F. Doria, who is not present at the meeting and, in this regard, A. Cambiaggi takes the role to update the assembly. The project is to organize three in-person workshops, aimed at students and parents. Dr. Carmen Silvestri made herself available to organize them at a cost of £380 for each workshop, one already this year and two in 2024. The proposal is to approve them under the condition of the disbursement and actual availability of the funds.

A.Gaglione proposes to talk about it again during the next Comites meeting when there will be a clearer idea regarding the funds that will be disbursed soon.

After extensive and exhaustive discussion, it was agreed to approve the holding of the workshop

for the year 2023, provided that there is the relevant financial availability on the part of the Comites.

We vote by show of hands and Comites approves unanimously.

1. September 30th is the deadline for the presentation of supplementary ;

At the moment we are discussing two projects, in addition to that of Communication and Press Office

which will be presented again:

1. Scholarships in favor of compatriots who have lost their jobs (already a project organized by the Comites of Scotland and Northern Ireland).
2. Project presented by Brunello Rosa, “Talented Italians in the UK”.

D. Scarlato proposes to add a scholarship to the project presented by Brunello Rosa of study that covers, even partially, the costs of studying in the United Kingdom.

It is noted that the two projects have many elements in common.

After extensive and exhaustive discussion, it is proposed to present only the project to the Ministry

presented by Brunello Rosa, “Talented Italians in the UK”.

We vote by show of hands and the Comties approve with the following vote:

In favor

1 Alessandro Gaglione

2 Chiara Cerovac

3 Mike Petretta

4 Tony Martorana

5 Nicola Del Basso

6 Luciano Rapa

7 Anna Cambiaggi

8 Dimitri Scarlato

9 Livia Grasso

10 Rino Nola

11 Elio Alberti

12 Federico Lago

13 Golam Maula Tipu

14 Elena Remigi

15 Vincenzo Loggia

Abstained

16 L. Bille’

Contrary

No-one

1. Dr Antonsich Project: this has just ended with the presentation of Dr Antonsich's project at the Consulate headquarters, which had an excellent response from the public. Having seen a good result, Dr Antonsich suggests writing a report, in Italian, that can be presented to the museum of Italian immigration. For this reason, they ask for a contribution. The President asks that in order to be able to do so, we must receive a written project that will be submitted to the assembly.
2. Comites recently received two presentations from Italian medical clinics operating in London: Doctor London and Italian doctors in London. Both clinics ask for collaboration of mutual exchange and free dissemination of the activities carried out in favor of the Italian community.

In reality, there is also a third clinic, Italian Doctors, which has an agreement for the care of Italian elderly people, which was also recently stipulated.

We vote by show of hands and Comites approves unanimously.

1. SPID and EUSS: the discussion is postponed until September because the Home office has not yet published the guidelines. Regarding the SPID, it seems that the Government intends to deactivate it and replacing it with the electronic identity card. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

4. Any other business.

The integrative Communication and Press Office project is being discussed and the proposal is

present it as presented last year.

After a broad and exhaustive discussion, a vote is taken by show of hands and Comites approves

unanimously.

D. Scarlato then speaks and announces that, regarding the European elections scheduled for next year, Italy does not allow the possibility of voting in the United Kingdom with fellow countrymen residing there. He therefore asks the members of the CGIE to present to the relevant Authority about this problem.

At this point, L. Rapa speaks and asks the members of the CGIE to report to the competent Authority the proposal to implement the automatic registration with the AIRE, on the occasion of

renewal of the passport and, furthermore, to keep the fingerprints valid (and not to cancel them) and digital documents taken when the passport is first issued or renewed.

Finally, A. Gaglione informs that the presentation will be held on Saturday 11 November at 6.30 pm

of the book “Porro” (organized by Nadia Ostacchini) sponsored by Comites.

At this point the President, having exhausted the items on the agenda, declares the meeting closed

sitting at 8.07pm.