Minutes of the meeting of the Com.It.Es of London held on 13 March 2025 at 18:00. The meeting was held in person at the premises of the Italian Church of St. Peter located at 136 Clerkenwell Road, London EC1R 5DL. The Councillors who were unable, for valid reasons, to attend in person, were able to connect and participate remotely - with the possibility of participating in real time in the discussion - via the connection to the "Zoom" platform no. 826 9837 2055. The meeting opened at 18:10.

The President, Alessandro Gaglione presided over the meeting and Chiara Cerovac acted as Secretary.

Participating in person at the meeting:

1. Alessandro Gaglione

2. Antonino Martorana

3. Nicola Del Basso

4. Anna Cambiaggi

5. Mike Petretta

6. Luigi Bille’

7. Chiara Cerovac

8. Elio Alberti

Participating remotely at the meeting:

9. Federico Lago

10 Germana Canzi

11. Golam Maula Tipu

12. Vincenzo Loggia

13. Luciano Rapa

The following are absent with justification:

14. Dimitri Scarlato

15. Anna Li Volsi

16. Elena Remigi

17. Rino Nola

18. Livia Grasso

Consul Alessandro Mignini is present, representing the Consular Office.

The attendance sheet and a screenshot showing the attendance

as indicated above are attached to these minutes.

The President notes and has it noted that the quorum required by law is present and declares the meeting validly constituted and able to deliberate on the following:

Agenda

1- Approval of the minutes of the previous meetings.

2- Brief report by the President and Treasurer and discussion on the presentation of any integrative projects in light of the meeting held in Edinburgh on 21 February last and the indications received from the Director General of the MAECI Dr. Vignali.

3- Discussion and resolution on the salary adjustment to the secretarial element.

4- Any interventions/updates by the Councilors (UK) of the CGIE.

5– Update, discussion and deliberations on past, ongoing and, in addition, eventual and future projects, listed below:

\*\* EUSS and SPID integration project;

\*\* “La Bella Bimba!” project;

\*\* event with PIF in London;

\*\* Complitaly “Gocce d’Italia” project;

\*\* “Transiti” event;

\*\* Carnival party in Worthing (4 March 2025);

\*\* READ WITH ME! project

\*\* request for Free Sponsorship for the Bacchus Awards;

\*\* request for Free Sponsorship – presentation of the book “Fundamental Rights, Legislation and Jurisdiction”;

\*\* decentralized meeting in Brighton.

6 – Various other business

1. The minutes of the two previous meetings (December 16, 2024 and January 23, 2025) were approved (separately) by a show of hands.

In favor: unanimous for both minutes.

2. Vincenzo Loggia (Treasurer): announced that the presentation phase of the 2024 financial statement has been concluded. Furthermore, funding of 53,070 Euros has been allocated to the Com.It.Es of London for 2025, with an advance of 10,390 Euros. However, it remains to be clarified how the supplementary funding that the Com.It.Es received at the end of 2023, which amounted to approximately 19,800 Euros and was included in the 2024 active balance, is to be treated in accounting terms.

President Alessandro Gaglione, in this regard, informs that a request for clarification will be sent to the MAECI regarding the accounting treatment of the supplementary contribution received in December 2023.

Furthermore, regarding the recent meeting held in Edinburgh, it was communicated that approximately 600,000 Euros more were assigned to the various Com.It.Es in the world compared to the previous year and the Com.It.Es were urged to present the supplementary projects.

The President proposes to present the Supplementary Project on Communication, already ready in draft form for some time.

It is therefore decided to vote on this project immediately and at the next meeting the project on the Italian-Brazilian community will also be discussed again.

We then proceed with the vote by show of hands.

In favor: unanimous.

3. Federico Lago informs that from 1 April the minimum wage will change by law and, consequently, it is necessary to adjust the salary of the secretary of the Com.It.Es Marco Pariotti, reaching £13,000 per year (£12.50 per hour based on 20 hours per week).

Nicola Del Basso suggests that the secretary be paid at least £15-16 per hour.

President Gaglione proposes to approve today the adjustment by law of the salary to £13,000 per year and, during the next meeting, to discuss whether there are possibilities to further increase the salary.

The vote is by show of hands.

In favour: unanimous.

4. Luigi Bille’ (CGIE) informs that there is not much news from the CGIE since the last meeting. A plenary meeting is planned for June.

5.

\*\* “Leggi Con Me” project: Mrs. Claudia Ambrosino, an Italian teacher in Brighton, is connected remotely. She has been organizing events for children and adults with considerable success for years. She also deals with the promotion of reading in Italian. The project in question involves

the organization of reading meetings with children and their families.

During these meetings, themed workshops will also be organized. The project aims to involve four cities in the south of England: Brighton, Worthing, Everside and Rottingdean. The plan is to organize five themed meetings per city. In order to co-organize this project, the expense that the London Com.It.Es would have to bear would be £600.

L. Rapa asks if it is possible to remember, during these meetings, the

importance of registering the birth of one’s children at the Consulate in order to obtain citizenship.

The vote is by show of hands to approve the project.

In favor: unanimous to allocate an expense of £600 for the “LEGGI CON ME” Project.

\*\* SPID/EUSS supplementary project: the project has been remodeled by A. Cambiaggi and G. Canzi.

Flyers will be created and translated into different languages ​​and, from April to July, an awareness campaign will be carried out, also using webinars. The possibility of a call for tenders for Charities (specialized in the field) that would like to participate in the project is discussed. The possibility of identifying a professional (part time) who will take care of the online awareness campaign is discussed. The participants all agree to continue in this direction, without having to proceed to a formal vote, as the project has already been approved.

\*\* “La Bella Bimba” Project: Mrs. Lucrezia Galeone is connected remotely and informs the assembly that this is a project that addresses the issue of Italian immigration, through theater. La “Bella Bimba” has already been staged twice, with great success, and now would like to grow by working with actors and musicians.

In order to co-organize this project, the expense that the Com.It.Es of London would have to support would be £1000.

After extensive discussion, it is proposed to allocate an expense of £500 for the above and we proceed with the vote on the project by show of hands.

In favor: unanimous, to allocate an expense of £500 for the “La Bella Bimba” Project.

\*\* Event with PIF in London: event scheduled for April 30, 2025 with Pier Francesco Diliberto It represents an opportunity to meet an artist who has left a mark on Italian contemporary culture. Com.It.Es is asked for the possibility of co-organizing this event by allocating an expense of £600 and to be able to identify a location. After extensivediscussion it is decided to participate in the organization of the event in question, it is proposed to allocate an expense of £500, subject to approval of the financial sustainability by Treasurer Vincenzo Loggia.

Voting by show of hands.

In favor: unanimous.

\*\* Request for free patronage for the Bacchus Awards.

Voting by show of hands.

In favor: unanimous.

\*\* Request for Free Patronage – presentation of the volume “Fundamental Rights, Legislation and Jurisdiction”.

Voting by show of hands.

In favor: unanimous.

\*\* Decentralized meeting in Brighton in July: confirmed and the room where the meeting will be held has been found.

\*\* Complitaly project: screenings of the docuseries “Gocce d’Italia”

will soon be organized in various locations in London (Sial, LSE, Consulate, and others).

\*\* “Transiti” Event: the first opening event of the project was held at the Consulate. More workshops are now planned at Sial and King’s College.

The event organized by Com.It.Es will be held at the Estorick Collection on March 17th.

\*\*Carnival Party: it was held and was much appreciated by both children and parents.

6. Anna Cambiaggi proposes, given the allocation of ministerial funds and on condition of their effective disbursement, to use these funds to pay the Communications Consultants Dr. Allocca and Dr. Ciccomascolo.

In favor: unanimous.

Consul Alessando Mignini informs that the referendum has been set for 8 and 9 June and there will be five questions. For fellow citizens registered with AIRE, it is important that you provide the correct address in order to receive the Electoral package at home.

Furthermore, the Consul informs that from 2 April, for citizens - among others - Italians (not holders of a residence permit in the United Kingdom) it will be necessary to have an ETA to enter the UK. The Consulate website has been updated explaining how to obtain it.

He continues by confirming that the payment by bank transfer of the fees for the renewal/issue of passports is proceeding well and that from 3 August 2026, the paper identity card will no longer be valid and will be replaced by the electronic one or the passport.

Regarding the activation of the electronic CI, which is not always possible to activate with regard to level 3 when accessing with an English mobile number, the Consul informs that on the Consulate website it is reported how to do it.

Finally, the Consul informs that the new Honorary Consul in Bedford and the new Consular Agent in Watford have been appointed and that, given the resignation of the Consular Agent in Chesunt, a call for applications has been opened to receive applications for this position.

At this point, the President, having exhausted the items on the agenda, declares the meeting closed at 20:15

The President The Secretary

Alessandro Gaglione Chiara Cerovac