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LUMIA assembly To the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Given the following :

At the XXIII Antimafia meeting organized by the "Antonino Caponnetto" Foundation and held at Bagno a Ripoli (Florence) the 1st December 2017, discussions were held about the case of the exclusion of the "Mediterraneo" Foundation, one year prior to its natural expiration date, as leader of the Italian network of the "Anna Lindh" Foundation.

This questionable, in our opinion, exclusion took place during the "KIMYYA, LES FEMMES ACTRICES DU DIALOGUE" event organized by the "Mediterraneo" Foundation from 11-15 September, 2017. The event, by the way, received the Gold Medal of the President of the Republic.

On the 16th September "la Repubblica" (Rome news) and the 17th September "la Repubblica" (Naples news) published a page in which the 604 bodies and institutions belonging to the Italian "Anna Lindh" Foundation network requested the respect of the internal democracy and manifested their dissatisfaction with the officials of the Minister for foreign affairs and international cooperation, who had excluded the "Mediterraneo" Foundation as leader of the Italian network of the "Anna Lindh" Foundation.

The decision taken in the offices of the Ministry seems to go against the democratic principles and governance established by European treaties.

The issue is not only an internal Italian one, but it also involves the European Commission, whose values are based on the respect of basic principles of the Lisbon Treaty (art 10.3) of democracy, governance and transparency.

The fight against Mafia organizations also takes place through challenging their internationalization capabilities. We now find ourselves facing the reality of "globalized Mafias", which manage to exchange criminal services and launder huge financial revenue. These globalized mafias take on organizational and strategic characteristics which are becoming more and more common.

It is therefore necessary to extend a globalized Antimafia, capable of interconnecting diverse approaches and projects, of promoting not only institutional cooperation but also social and cultural cooperation, like that of the "Mediterraneo" Foundation.

We would like to know if the Ministry intends to deal with this situation in order to avoid any damage to the "Anna Lindh" Foundation, deprived of the precious work carried out by its network in Italy, and conducted by the "Mediterraneo" Foundation.