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H.E. Ambassador Hatem ATALLAH
Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation
Alexandria – (by email)

Dear Ambassador,

Based on the report by our Head of Network, First of all, I would like to thank you, together with your closest aides – Paul Walton, Gemma Aubarell, Cristiana Gaito, Paulina Raduchowska, Marta Vallejo and others - for the consideration accorded last week in Brussels to the content of my letter of September 25th, 2015.

Allow me at this point to recall the updated terms of the Italian participation to the Anna Lindh Foundation :

a. The RIDE Onlus – also in its capacity as “Rete Italiana ALF (art.3, comma 8 of the RIDE's Statute) - used its latest General Assembly to deliberate a number of governance points as follows:

a1. Concerning the role of representation of the 'Rete Italiana ALF', the 'Fondazione Mediterraneo' was elected as Head of Network-Coordinator (“Capofila -coordinatore”). This is in confirmation of the appointment of the same entity by the Italian MoFA , covering a 3 years period, as set by Art.5 of the Statute (in this case 11 September 2015 -11 September 2018). The aforesaid Foundation has the task of fulfilling all the obligations imposed by the ALF and those deriving by the Step 7 and Step 8 contracts (members management and mobilization, inter-network activities, training activities, organization of general meetings and other regular meetings, communication management, including the newsletter and the website complementary to that of the ALF, as well as the relevant secretarial work). The Head of Network shall be assisted by a variable Working Group depending on the planned activities. This Group shall reflect gender parity and be composed at least by 50% of young people.

a2. For all activities concerning the RIDE Onlus, the Association will be managed by an 11 members Executive Committee.

b. The administrative management of the RIDE Onlus is separated from that of the 'Rete Italiana RIDE'. In the same way, from now on the General Meetings ("Assemblee Generali") will be held separately and accounted for through separate minutes:

- The first part of the Meeting shall be configured as "ASSEMBLEA GENERALE DELLA RETE ITALIANA ALF – RIDE" in charge of dealing with topics concerning the Italian Network and the ALF.

- The second part of the Meeting shall be configured as "ASSEMBLEA GENERALE DELLA RIDE – Onlus" in charge of dealing with matters of the Association's concern only.

I hereby confirm what was already stated with my letter of September 25th 2015, in that only the entities and organizations joining the RIDE as ex Officio members can qualify to be members of the "Rete Italiana ALF". The other membership categories contemplated by Art. 4B of the Statute can qualify to be part of the RIDE Onlus only, but they cannot be part of the "Rete Italiana ALF" .

Accordingly, I inform you that the "Fondazione Mediterraneo" will proceed to the extension of the membership in order to settle this thorny issue in a permanent way. This is to avoid future misunderstandings and inconveniences. Mr Michele Capasso, president of the "Fondazione Mediterraneo" (and coordinator of the "Rete Italiana") is also the legal representative of the RIDE Onlus. Accordingly, in this double role he is empowered to confirm those who are ex Officio Members of the RIDE, to all legal effects, by identifying them as Members of the "Rete Italiana ALF" within the deadlines indicated below.

c. In particular:

- **The Group of Members n.1 (approx. 95) who are both registered with the RIDE and to the ALF portal. Consequently, they are enabled to access to the calls and funding by the ALF.**

Deadline: 15.12.201

- **The Group of Members n.2 (approx.35) that are registered with the RIDE but not on the ALF portal. Consequently, they are not enabled to get access to the calls and funding by the ALF.**

Deadline 15.12.2015

- **The Group of Members n.3 (approx. 295) who are registered on the ALF portal, but not with the RIDE. Consequently they are enabled to get access to the calls and funding by the ALF.**

Deadline 20.01.2016

- The Group of Members n.4 (15) who have recently registered on the ALF portal, pending confirmation by the Head of Network. Consequently, they are not yet enabled to get access to the calls and funding by the ALF.

Deadline 20.01.2016

I seize this opportunity to inform you that the procedure regarding the Italian contribution to the ALF budget for the Step 7 is almost complete. Funding will be transferred by early 2016 through the Italian Embassy in Cairo.

Yours Sincerely



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