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**Subject: Answer on Italian human right violation**

Dear Commissioner Michelle Bachelet,

we are Sara Cunial<sup>1</sup> and Veronica Giannone<sup>2</sup>, deputies of the Italian Republic, Italian Chambers of Deputies. We read your concerns about human rights situation on 27 April 2020<sup>3</sup> and we totally agree with your statement:

*"Undermining rights such as freedom of expression may do incalculable damage" and "Emergency powers should not be a weapon governments can wield to quash dissent, control the population, and even perpetuate their time in power".*

During recent months, since the discovery of a potential correlation between SARS-COV-2 and COVID-19, we have been carefully monitoring our country's governmental activities, in the hopes of ruling out the occurrence of concerns such as the ones you express.

The earliest known case of COVID-19 in Italy has only been recorded on 21 February 2020, whilst 31 January 2020 the Council of Ministers already declared a six-month state of emergency, motivated by the health risk related to Coronavirus outbreak. The Head of 'Civil Protection Department', Mr. Angelo Borrelli, was entrusted to coordinate the measures that would be necessary in order to deal with the emergency at a national level<sup>4</sup>. Since then, guidelines, decrees, rulings and ordinances have been issued, sometimes with no scientific or logical grounds.

At the international level, the pandemics were dealt with by WHO, in cooperation with universities and private partners. In our opinion, the non-neutrality of this organisation is defining.

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<sup>1</sup> [XVIII Legislatura - Deputati e Organi - Scheda deputato - CUNIAL Sara](#)

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.camera.it/leg18/29?tipoAttivita=&tipoVisAtt=&tipoPersona=&shadow\\_deputato=307342&idLegislatura=18](https://www.camera.it/leg18/29?tipoAttivita=&tipoVisAtt=&tipoPersona=&shadow_deputato=307342&idLegislatura=18)

<sup>3</sup> [Onu, rischio catastrofe diritti umani - Ultima Ora](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Emergenza Coronavirus: la risposta nazionale](#)

WHO is part of UN, the organization you represent, so we believe you may be the natural recipient of our concerns and doubts. We raised the issue of WHO's non-neutrality in the parliamentary inquiry n°4-04902<sup>5</sup>, stressing 3 important issues:

1. All WHO immunization programs are mostly funded by private companies, including pharmaceutical corporations, the "Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation" and "Gavi Alliance". This fact is clearly stated on the official websites of both GAVI and the Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation as reported in parliamentary inquiry n°4-02613<sup>6</sup> to the Chamber of Deputies;
2. In Italian media and political arena, WHO's spokesman is Walter Ricciardi, who had been named as the Italian representative at WHO's Executive Board for 2017-2020 by Gentiloni's *pro tempore* government in November 2017. Ricciardi has been cooperating with pharmaceutical companies as a scientist, doctor and researcher, which clearly puts him in conflict of interest. This was reported in Cunial parliamentary inquiry n°4-01801<sup>7</sup> to the Chamber of Deputies;
3. The pandemic bonds issued in 2017 by World Bank and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Redevelopment had a rate of return of 11% and were created in collaboration with WHO, within a Pandemic Emergency Financial Facility. These bonds seem suspicious, especially given their expiration date, that matches the date of the pandemic event. In addition, the pandemic bonds had been designed upon the realistic scenery of a coronavirus coming from China.

Talking about conflict of interest, we analyzed and reported to our Government the uncomfortable position of WHO's main funder, the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation. We especially focussed on the international strategies aimed at reaching Bill Gates' aims, that don't necessarily match with WHO's goals, nor with people's actual health and the defence of human rights concerning physical integrity and more specifically freedom of therapeutic choices, a right that is namely guaranteed by our very Constitution (Art.32) In Cunial parliamentary inquiry n°4-05410<sup>8</sup>, we brought up these concerns, as well as the fact that WHO's Agenda, named *«Immunization Agenda 2030: A Global Strategy to Leave No One Behind»* is based on the assumption that *«Immunization is the foundation of the primary health care system and an indisputable human right»*, whereas this assumption is not backed by the the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, none of its articles mention it.

Bill Gates weaved a dense network of relationships, creating several supranational organizations with the support of WHO's member states and of WHO itself, and relying on other UN agencies such as UNICEF and the World Bank. He travelled several times to Italy in order to check on the deals between GAVI (*Vaccine alliance between WHO and the Melinda and Bill Gates foundation*) and the Italian Government, as we denounced in Cunial parliamentary inquiries n°4-05739<sup>9</sup> and n°4-05933<sup>10</sup>.

The Gates Foundation itself has invested several million dollars in Moderna TX INC company (*as well as in a number of other companies and scientific research labs on vaccines*) for the making of SARS-COV-2 Vaccine, that is now the first candidate worldwide, with a foreseen production of billions of doses. This vaccine, named mRNA-1273, exploits a technology for the programming of immunity systems that we deem very worrying and that might harm human and individual

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rights, especially if the programming (*as it happens with computer software*) would damage people's physical integrity and subsequently collective integrity.

International pandemic laws framing the launch of the pandemic vaccine against SARS-COV-2, provide for facilitated guidelines and procedures that undermine consistently people's rights, health and physical integrity, because due to the state of emergency, there won't be any scientific testing. The citizens receiving the vaccine will therefore be treated as laboratory guinea pigs. We discussed this issue in 2 parliamentary inquiries to Conte's Government: n°4-05185<sup>11</sup> and n°4-05226<sup>12</sup>. In Italy, the vaccine was to be tested on police officers and doctors, but our swift opposition helped their trade union representative in demanding the respect of their rights, rather than forcing them as it has been done for children in 2017 with compulsory vaccines.

Our Constitution does not foresee the suspension of fundamental rights in case of national and/or international health emergencies. Marta Cartabia, the president of the Italian Constitutional Court, while concluding the working session of the Court in 2019, reminded us of this limit. Nevertheless, the Government, as we mentioned, open the way to strongly unconstitutional measures.

We know very well that the UN is not entitled to deal with these purely national claims, but we believe that it must be informed. On 23 February 2020, with Law Decree n. 6 about «*Urgent measures for containment and management of the COVID-19 epidemiological emergency*», our Government decided that all measures that concerned such containment would be adopted in the form of Prime Ministerial Decree. Subsequently, in the name of the emergency many other Prime Ministerial Decrees followed, alongside with ministry decrees and a number of regional and municipal rulings, introducing measures that suspended fundamental constitutional rights such as:

- the right of travel freely in any part of the country - Art. 16 (Constitution of the Italian Republic)
- the right to work - Art. 1, 4, 35 (Constitution of the Italian Republic)
- the right to free private economic enterprise - Art. 41 (Constitution of the Italian Republic)
- the right to a complete and fulfilling family life - Art. 29, 31 (Constitution of the Italian Republic)
- the right to public and free education - Artt. 3, 33, 34 (Constitution of the Italian Republic)
- the right to housing - Art. 47 (Constitution of the Italian Republic)
- the right to active and passive social solidarity - Art. 2 (Constitution of the Italian Republic)
- the right to privacy (*flouted while adopting the "Chinese" mindframe of controlling all citizens' movements*) - Art. 14 (Constitution of the Italian Republic)
- the right of the citizens to assemble freely - Art. 17 (Constitution of the Italian Republic)
- and finally the very right to preserve physical and mental health, in all fields other than the epidemic (*practicing sports, walking outdoor, eating healthy food*) - Artt 3, 32 (Constitution of the Italian Republic)

We reported the violation of these Constitutional Rights in Cunial parliamentary inquiry n°4-05171<sup>13</sup>, but things did not change, they rather got worse.

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<sup>12</sup> <https://aic.camera.it/aic/scheda.html?numero=4/05226&ramo=CAMERA&leg=18>

<sup>13</sup> <https://aic.camera.it/aic/scheda.html?numero=4/05171&ramo=CAMERA&leg=18>

The Immuni App was launched, violating the before mentioned rights in critical ways that we denounced in Cunial parliamentary inquiry n°4-05348<sup>14</sup>. The most crucial violations concern: the lack of transparency, the violation of privacy, the producer's conflict of interest and the lack of security, but the most worrying aspect in our opinion is the tracking of individuals' position, that nowadays was legal only in Asian dictatorships. In Ricciardi's opinion, the Government should use the South Korean model for containing coronavirus contagion through citizens' tracking without their approval, or the approval of the digital platforms that own the data<sup>15</sup>.

Some city administrations such as Como, decided to use facial recognition technologies banned by European regulations to tackle gatherings and identify the people deemed guilty (a practice that we reported in Cunial parliamentary inquiry n°4-05559<sup>16</sup>). We ought to stress that the Government's decrees provided for extremely heavy fines, up to 4000€ and imprisonment in case of violation of the rules. We believe that this is an issue for which the UN should take concern and act with all the powers it has to sanction Italy in this regard.

Rai (*Radiotelevisione Italiana, the State television*), AGCOM (*Italian Telecommunications Authority*), and the Italian Government established Task Forces to deal with fake news about coronavirus, but this led to silence whoever stood out of the crowd, denied or doubted the Government or WHO's behaviours. As we reported in parliamentary inquiry n°4-05350<sup>17</sup>, these Task Forces work resulted in banning from social media such as Youtube content from relevant scientific personalities expressing perplexity about several aspects of this Pandemic.

Finally, a few mayors have been using Compulsory Health Treatments against freedom of thought, as we promptly reported in Cunial parliamentary inquiry n°4-05567<sup>18</sup>.

But these were not the only proposals and actions carried out, some people in our country also suggested mandatory quarantine/deportation of adults and children, in separate hosting structures, on the grounds of the statement of 7 April 2020 from the Executive Director of WHO's Emergency Program, Dr Michael Ryan, who had said *«In some senses, transmission has been taken off the streets and pushed back into family units. Now, we need to go and look in families to find those people who may be sick and remove them and isolate them in a safe and dignified manner»*. *«Ideally - had he added - the quarantine should occur in a place other than the home. For if that person gets sick, they may already have infected their family»*<sup>19</sup>.

My disapproval to the Government's managing had several focusses:

1. the data collection from sick or dead people (*parliamentary inquiry n°4-5°4-05634*<sup>20</sup>, *n°4-05510*<sup>21</sup> and *n°4-05223*<sup>22</sup>) has been carried out incoherently and fraudulently. Italy deemed COVID-19 to be the cause of death in whoever was positive to swab test, even if *post mortem*;

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2. the denial of autopsies decided by the Health Ministry. This is a very grim fact, that made it impossible to determine the cause of death, whether it had been COVID-19 or another cause, despite a positive swab test (parliamentary inquiry n°4-05931<sup>23</sup>);
3. the use of scarcely reliable and effective RT-PCR swab test (inquiry n°4-05154<sup>24</sup>). During the Legionella outbreak, back in 2018, when Lombardy had been as well the Italian epicenter, the ministry had already challenged the use of such RT-PCR swab test for diagnosis;
4. influenza vaccination, along with other vaccination campaigns, as an accelerator and a triggerer of COVID-19 (inquiry n°4-05215<sup>25</sup>). The regions with a higher rate of adult influenza vaccination were discovered to be those with a higher percentage of COVID-19 sick patients: again, as if by accident, Lombardy and Veneto regions;
5. the fact that there has never been any verification that the country was undergoing a national health emergency. The Government never seriously analyzed whether we were really having a COVID-19 pandemic, in comparison with normal seasonal pneumonia and influenza (Parliamentary inquiry n°4-05154<sup>26</sup> and n°4-05058<sup>27</sup>). Both these diseases are increasing yearly, in spite of vaccinations;
6. the correlation between PM10 and 5G and the increase in alleged COVID-19 cases (inquiries n°4-05058<sup>28</sup> and n°4-05027<sup>29</sup>), which suggests that there might be a connection between electromagnetic and air pollution, and the lowering of people's immune system;

And finally, we have personally inquired as well on regional authorities' administration, given that corruption and public health mismanagement at this level have led, in my opinion, to deprive citizens of their fundamental rights in the wake of this situation.

In Veneto region between 2002 and 2019, 365 public hospitals' intensive care beds were budgeted out (reducing their number from 1.114 to 749), i.e. minus 32,7%, leading the region to lose almost 1 in 3 intensive care beds (inquiry n°4-05574<sup>30</sup>). In Lombardy region, that was acknowledged as the epicenter of contagion in Italy, public hospitals' intensive care beds were only 312 on the 31st of December 2019, with a reduction of 63% since 2017, even though the patients hospitalized in intensive care had been 8.400 in 2017 (4,6% more than in 2013), and constantly growing in number. In addition, serious scandals have led to judicial investigations (inquiry n°4-05145<sup>31</sup>).

The near future of the country is indeed endangered, not by the virus, that doesn't exist anymore except in the minds of those who want to prolong the epidemic in order to market a vaccine, but rather by the serious inconveniences that our children will be faced to when they will go back to school in September: Plexiglas partitions and face masks (inquiry n°4-0593), and a germs<sup>32</sup> phobia that may as well turn recommendations into actual obsessive-compulsive disorders.

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But not only. The near future is endangered also because the mismanagement of this fake emergency will give social and economic consequences for citizens, artisans, self-employed, local business.

Moreover, we are extremely concerned with the health of our fellow citizens, for even those who believe the vaccine will save them, ignore the serious complications they could be faced with. Adverse reactions to these drugs are very serious. In Italian history, the Government behaved in a patronising and careless way towards citizens that had been harmed by vaccines and took legal action, by either denying any compensation or, when they won the case, leaving them to wait for years long, and leaving to their families the stress and costs of attending a disabled child or a dying partner.

And talking about families, we need to report as well the heavy violations that occurred with parents having to meet their children in reception communities or neutral spaces. Such encounters have been arbitrarily suspended by the reception facilities at the beginning of the sanitary emergency, i.e. at the end of February.

The Law Decree n. 18 (17<sup>th</sup> March 2020) "Cura Italia", that has now been turned in a law, opened the way to this bad practice, prolonging to 31 May 2020 the suspension of children and parents' reunions ordered by courts in neutral spaces or with the assistance of a social worker.

The Government has been repeatedly urged to consider this serious case, by personal letters to the Prime Minister Conte, parliamentary inquiries, parliamentary agendas, press releases. On 1st June, many reception facilities kept on refusing to let the parents meet their children, shielding themselves behind the health emergency, and decided, again, discretionarily, to reactivate visits only after the end of the emergency on 31st July.

Currently, we are having children who can not see their parents since 4 months and won't be able to see them until the end of July, without any word from the Government.

The few facilities who did reactivate encounters established totally illegitimate rules to be followed concerning social distancing. A sad example is that of a mother who was fined because she had allowed her son to hug her after months of separation.

The exceptional pandemic conditions may not justify the disrespect for a cornerstone of the Constitution, that guarantees to children a balanced and ongoing relationship with their parents.

The right to health, that encompasses physical and mental health, is itself unjustly violated if the encounters between children and their parents continue to be denied, without a date to refer to, or if they are arbitrarily ruled by social distancing.

The European Court of Human Rights has already condemned the Italian State several times because of court decisions that disrespected of **Article 8** of the **European Convention on Human Rights** which provides a right to respect for one's private and family life.

Therefore, we demand that you take action as far as your powers allow you to do so, in order to allow this situation to reverse towards normality.

The many parliamentary inquiries we quoted are not been inspired by a conspirative activity, on the contrary each of these documents has undergone a severe fact-checking process before being published, that includes double checking all sources and their authenticity, a procedure that is carried on by the parliament's inspection unit, responsible for controlling the contents of parliamentary inquiries.

Kind regards,

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