Press Release

Complaint on the presence of nuclear weapons in Italy

Today, Oct. 2, a complaint signed on an individual basis by 22 members of pacifist and anti-militarist associations-Abasso la guerra, Donne e uomini contro la guerra, Associazione Papa Giovanni XXIII, Centro di documentazione del Manifesto Pacifista Internazionale, Tavola della Pace Friuli Venezia Giulia, Rete Diritti Accoglienza Solidarietà Internazionale, Pax Christi, Pressenza, WILPF, Centro sociale 28 maggio, Coordinamento No Triv, and individual citizens-was forwarded to the Public Prosecutor's Office at the Court of Rome.

The complainants include university professors, lawyers, doctors, essayists, volunteers, educators, housewives, retirees, Comboni Fathers. Some of them are well known such as Moni Ovadia and Father Alex Zanotelli. Spokesperson for the 22 is lawyer Ugo Giannangeli.

Lawyers Joachim Lau and Claudio Giangiacomo of IALANA Italy forwarded the complaint on behalf of the defendants.

The complaint was explained by the initiators at a press conference held, significantly, in front of the Ghedi military base, where authoritative sources believe nuclear devices are present.

The complaint follows a campaign by a large sector of Italian pacifism that requested a study from the Italian Section of IALANA, an association of lawyers against nuclear weapons specializing in International Law, in order to issue an opinion on the legality of nuclear weapons. This campaign, absolutely self-funded, produced the book Legal Opinion on the Presence of Nuclear Weapons in Italy published by Multimage last year.

The complaint asks investigators to ascertain the presence of nuclear devices on Italian soil and, subsequently, to ascertain their illegality based on domestic and international law. Finally, the investigators should ascertain the responsibilities, including those of criminal relevance, that fall on those who imported the devices and/or those who, illegally, possibly authorized their importation and subsequent possession. The complaint is supported by 12 attachments.

A summary of the complaint is attached.

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