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## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GIORGIO PERINI FOR DAY OF REMEMBRANCE (GIORNO DEL RICORDO) 2026

Liliana Segre during this year's celebration at the Quirinale, said that the "Giornata della Memoria" (Holocaust Day of Remembrance) is not just for Jews, as many would think, but also and especially for everyone else. I am convinced that the same is true for our "Giorno del Ricordo" (Exodus Day of Remembrance); our exiles from Istria, Dalmatia, and Fiume certainly don't need an official date on which to recollect events; their Remembrance is always carried inside of them. In fact, Remembrance is a part of them, each day of the year. But what about others? How many still know nothing, or next to nothing of their sufferings, of their uprooting from everything that formed part of their lives, and ultimately of their diaspora in Italy and the rest of the world? And how many will complain, hearing about the day of remembrance, thinking, if not explicitly saying: "Once again with this Day of Remembrance? Let's stop looking at the past, enough, it's old history!" But no, that's not the case at all; unfortunately, it involves us too, today! Because rarely before, has the forced abandonment of all belongings (often meagre) and departure, if not escape, almost always on foot, the only option available to so many individuals and peoples in various parts of the world. The exodus is not "dead" history, but a dramatic current affair! Our Remembrance Day aims to raise awareness and combat indifference.

And we must not be divided in commemorating the Shoah (Holocaust) and the horror of the foibe (sinkholes), because we cannot rank pain and suffering. Especially since our land, sadly, has suffered firsthand from both tragedies. This was made clear from the Holocaust Remembrance Day speech at the European Parliament by Tatiana Bucci, our longtime member, deported to Auschwitz as a child, along with her mother and sister

Andra, from the city of Fiume (Rijeka). The same Fiume that later witnessed the horrors of the transition to the former Yugoslavia and the forced exodus of almost all Italians. Our Julians of Fiume (and not only them, of course) were witnesses and, sadly, often victims of both tragedies!

Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament, said that these commemorations should not leave us passive, but rather generate a positive reaction. The message is clear and completely shareable. But I would also like to express all my affection and understanding for the firsthand witnesses who are unable to express what they experienced, just as I empathize with the struggle and pain of those who managed to make their feelings and memories public, perhaps for the very first time in many years, as happened, for example, at the AGM (Associazione Giuliani) meeting of the Federation of Argentine clubs in Buenos Aires last September. I am still moved, just thinking about it!

No to hatred, no to violence, no to racial prejudice or conflict between different ethnic groups: this is the message we must convey with our testimony, as our emigrants and exiles know well, having put into practice this attitude in every country they've moved to, both towards the local population and other ethnic groups, always earning great respect and consideration.

Thank you, dear Giuliani friends, for what you are doing for our Remembrance Day 2026, for everything you've done since this celebration was established 22 years ago, but above all for your testimony, every day of the year, and not just for the last 22, but for the 70, if not 80 years ago! Celebrate Remembrance Day not with sadness, but with pride!

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