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c.c. to;

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Re: "Siamo il primo Paese che mette a disposizione dell'Unesco una task force completamente dedicata alla difesa del patrimonio culturale mondiale. Spero siano molti i paesi a seguire questa strada"

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/about-us/who-we-are/director-general/singleview->

http://news/italycreatesaunescoemergencytaskforceforculture/#.VsNPi_nhDIU

Dear General Director Bokova,

Following your Italian visit and the memorandum of understanding for a "UNESCO Task Force" for cultural preservation signed with our Minister Dario Franceschini, we would like to bring to your attention what the Italian Government does internally for "cultural preservation".

Florence is one of the most beautiful cities in the world and full of incredible museums. UNESCO assigned it the status of "Outstanding Universal Value".

Now our government has the idea of building a new airport a few kilometres from Florence Cathedral with a flight path over the city. The proponent of the airport claims that only "at least" 0.9% of planes will fly over the city, whereas our estimate is at least 25%. The heritage of "Outstanding Universal Value" would be threatened in the case of human error, mechanical breakdown or other unforeseen event.

In our opinion, there should be coherence between concern and action for "foreign" and "domestic" heritage, especially considering that there are two intercontinental airports in

Pisa and Bologna, both only 70 km away (30-35 min by car/train), that could be expanded at relatively little cost.

We have submitted these facts to Minister Franceschini but he has never replied.

We enclose our previous letters and maps of the area with flight paths forecasted, in particular we want to highlight the data mentioned on slide 29 where Arpat (Environmental Tuscany Agency) confirms that over 15% of flights should depart/arrive from/towards Florence, unless such flights will be diverted. On slide 30 are mentioned the highness from ground that aircrafts are facing on "landing procedure" flying over Florence. (Approx 300m Cathedral, 63 m New ACF Fiorentina Football Stadium, 57m Carabinieri Army High School, 20/25 meters from roof of School depending from percentage descend ratio)

The reference numbers of your correspondence are CLT/HERJWHC/7763/IT/AS/KR eonpocaM o6pa3oeaHIIISI, 29 January 2015 and CLT/HER/WHC/7960/IT/AS/KR 27 May 2015.

We trust that you will assess our concerns about the new airport, which is clearly superfluous, and point out the contradictions to our government.

We are grateful for whatever you can do.

Yours sincerely,

Gianfranco Ciulli

Spokesman

Coordinator of Committees and Associations against the New Florence's Airport