



## COMITATO LIBERAZIONE NAZIONALE VENETO

(Art. 96.3 I° Protocollo Convenzione di Ginevra 1977 – legge n.762 del 11 dicembre 1985)



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President Vladimir Putin,

the C.L.N.V. (Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale Veneto - Venetian National Liberation Committee) in the person of its President Amedeo Casasola and of the Venetian National Authority, would like to present itself to you and your People, to renew that relationship of friendship and mutual respect, mindful of a distant past. The C.L.N.V. is "a liberation movement", a sui generis subject that claims, on the basis of Italian and international laws (New York Pacts of 1966, ratified by the Italian state with law 881/77 etc.) all the Venetian territories occupied by the Italian state and ranging from Bergamo to Friuli (Italian administrative regions) corresponding to the territories of the Serenissima Venetian Republic at the time of the Napoleonic invasion; and today, still under Italian foreign domination. The C.L.N.V. acts on behalf of the Venetian People, as an organized aggregate of legitimate individuals who are the beneficiaries of the rules of international law, and recognizes themselves as a group of human beings, joined by common historical, ethnic, religious and cultural ties; as a subject of international law accredited to the U.N., it pursues the aim of decolonizing the occupied Venetian territories in accordance with the provisions of international law and treaties, which have also been ratified by the Italian state.

There are many historical documents that bring us closer to the Past; to mention just a few, we remember the frequent visits of the "Princes of the North", as the Tsars of the past were called, to Venice, the construction, by Antonio Gilardi from Vicenza in 1485, of the ancient tower of the new Kremlin in Moscow, the creation of the Opera House and the small Rossi Street, by the Venetian Carlo Rossi, who still today, rests in the cemetery of St. Petersburg. At the end of the 19th century, a large group of our citizens from Vicenza moved to Russia to build the Trans-Siberian Railway. Diplomatic relations were established between Russia and the Serenissima Republic, although they were often obstructed by other European powers, and in 1711 the Russian Consulate was established in Venice, the second oldest in the world, after Amsterdam.

We are confident that the Serenissima Republic, a Nation and historic power in Europe, will return to its former glory, and we do not deny you, Mr. President, the

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enthusiasm of being able one day to collaborate and set up trade and friendship treaties to recreate that link broken by dramatic historical events. In the meantime, we offer you a virtual and fraternal handshake, with an invitation to a future friendly meeting, perhaps taking advantage of the celebration of the 1600th anniversary of the foundation of our city of Venice.

We attach to this letter part of the acts and treaties issued by the C.L.N.V. and sent to the recipient institutions.

Kind regards.

The President of the CLNV

Amedeo Casasola