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On 4 February 2022, Putin and Xi Jinping in a joint statement reiterated the importance of the United Nations, the supreme body for the protection of human rights and the founding principles on which the cooperation of the international community must be based. For an authentic multipolarity where no territory is denied the right to development, aimed at ensuring the stability outlined by the end of the Second World War.

A clear violation of the principles stated above is constituted by the lack of de facto creation of the Free Territory of Trieste determined by Resolution 16 of the Security Council and by art. 21 of the Paris Peace Treaty. Due to the specific implicit legal peculiarities such as demilitarization, neutrality and the international free port, the FTT was conceived in post-war Europe as a center of geopolitical multipolarity ante litteram. In this sense, the Soviet Foreign Minister Vjačeslav Molotov was a prophet in 1953, maintaining that: "The division of the FTT is incompatible with the task of maintaining peace and security and is only likely to create new complications."

Today as yesterday, respect for international law for the FTT is contrary to the geopolitical interests of the Western block, for which the control of the essential strategic hub of Trieste is fundamental.

The most striking recent case is the cancellation of the 2019 Commercial Memorandum between Italy and China which included the international free port of Trieste as the main port of the Belt and Road Initiative in central Europe, to which by international law all states of the world they can access it.

After 10 years of our intense awareness on the issue, we once again strongly reiterate in the interest of the constituent states of the BRICS+ and the citizens of the FTT the request to establish an international commission for the free port of Trieste.