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Dear Mrs. Cecilia WIKSTRÖM, Member of the Petitions Committee of European Parliament, ( President ) **(IL PRESENTE TESTO E' STATO INVIATO AD OGNI MEMBRO DELLA COMMISSIONE PER LE PETIZIONI DEL PARLAMENTO EUROPEO)**

we beg to inform you that on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 11.40 a.m. in Bruxelles we have presented a petition signed by about 10,500 inhabitants of Southern Italy pursuant to art. 44 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. Our petition has been received from Petitions Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> July and has had the Role number 0748/2015.

We highlight the petition because we hope European Parliament will accept the arguments and instances contained in it to begin to solve the centuries-old "Italian question" born simultaneously with the establishment of the nation on 17 March 1861, so to enable European Union to rely on a faster development, resulted by an increase in productivity coming from approximately 14 million people that live in the South Italy.

For the first time, since Italian State has been made, it's possible to correct the many problems that plague South Italy, born and become chronic in its 154 years of life. Southern Italy is an important and strategic part of Europe and UE is called to contribute to the solution of the difficulties hampering its real development without charitable social dependency, by working on the revaluation of the enormous potential of human capital of which the region is gifted, but which cannot be expressed.

For a first approach to the issue we have prepared a summary of the petition annexed to this letter. Your role could be central in the acceptance of the petition and we don't want to leave no stone unturned to make this happen because we believe that its hoped approval is of crucial importance for our future.

Yours faithfully.

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(principal draftsmen of the petition)