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**Permanent Peoples' Tribunal
Lelio and Lisli Basso Foundation**

**The genocide of the Rohingya people
International law and international criminal jurisdiction**

Rome, 10 December 2018

Sala della Lupa, Chamber of deputy, Piazza Montecitorio

On the day commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Lelio and Lisli Basso Foundation and the Permanent Peoples Tribunal (PPT) convene the conference on the limits and perspectives of international law with reference to the ongoing genocide of the Rohingya people. Today Myanmar is the core of a conflict for strategic, economic and military interests.

The judgment of genocide was formulated by the PPT in the session held in Malaysia in September 2017, when the community of states and the international legal bodies refused to recognize the gravity of what was happening. The perpetration of criminal actions against the Rohingya led to the recent recognition of the genocide, also included in the agenda of the International Criminal Court. The conference intends to take stock of the situation regarding the qualification of the crimes committed and the actions to be taken urgently. The need to find workable solutions to the crisis is urgent. The Rohingya people have dramatically become the symbol of the inability of international agencies to apply the "never again" of the Universal Declaration. The tragedy of that people clearly illustrates what is happening in many other corners of the world: the difficulty, sometimes the inefficacy of international law to become a criterion for guiding politics and an instrument for the protection of peoples and persons from serious violations of rights to existence, life, livelihood and equal dignity. In order to face resignation and impotence, our aim is to formulate possible solution and to promote a vigilant and more active international public opinion capable of undertaking the struggle for the respect and protection of fundamental rights of Rohingya people and other minorities in the country.

Program

9:15 – 9:45

Opening statement

Franco Ippolito, President of Lelio and Lisli Basso Foundation

9:45 – 11:30

Crimes against Rohingyas: the judgment of the Permanent Peoples' Tribunal and the initiative of the International Criminal Court

Nello Rossi, Magistrate, member of the steering committee of the High school of magistrates

Human rights and the peoples' rights between power politics and international law

Luigi Ferrajoli, Professor emeritus of philosophy of law, Roma Tre University

Giuseppe Palmisano, Professor of international law, Roma Tre University

11:45 – 14:00

An update on Bangladesh-Myanmar bilateral repatriation and continuing flight of Rohingyas from Myanmar

Nay San Lwin, Rohingya blogger, coordinator of Free Rohingya coalition

Myanmar's ongoing genocide, stalled democratic reforms and civil war

Maung Zarni, Fellow, (Genocide) Documentation center, Cambodia, coordinator for strategic affairs, Free Rohingya coalition

Screaming in the silence. The Rohingya crisis and the media

Emanuele Giordana, Director of atlanteguerre.it

Discussion

Closing statement

Gianni Tognoni, Secretary general of the Permanent Peoples' Tribunal