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# **Cervi Institute: online meeting between Italian and Burmese Members of Parliament on the current situation in Myanmar**

*Albertina Soliani – President of the Alcide Cervi Institute – led the meeting. Among those attending the meeting were Sen. Pieferdinando Casini, MP Piero Fassino and MP Laura Boldrini. The need for political support from the international community towards the CRPH – the Parliament elected in the last election – against military rule was reiterated.*



Yesterday, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, some Members of Parliament from Myanmar, spoke in secrecy with a few Italian Senators and Deputies by videoconference in a meeting promoted by the Alcide Cervi Institute, called “For democracy in Myanmar, the role of Parliaments”. The President of the Institute, **Albertina Soliani**, led the videoconference.

The following MPs attended on behalf of the Italian Parliament: Sen. **Pierferdinando Casini** (Per le Autonomie), MP **Piero Fassino** (Partito Democratico), MP **Laura Boldrini** (Partito Democratico), Sen. **Lucio Malan** (Forza Italia), Sen. **Roberto Rampi** (Partito Democratico), MP **Paolo Formentini** (Lega), MP **Iolanda Di Stasio** (Movimento 5 Stelle), Sen. **Adolfo Urso** (Fratelli d'Italia).

Italian MPs expressed their support for the work of the **CRPH** (Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw), which represents MPs elected in the general election of 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020, before the military coup that occurred on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Myanmar’s MPs explained the dramatic situation in their Country, the brutal repression carried out by the soldiers and the urgency of stopping it, the need for political support from the international community and the activation of humanitarian aid.

The extraordinary unity of action carried out by the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) in Myanmar, by the CRPH and by the new National Unity Government (NUG) - which includes elected ministers of the National League for Democracy (NLD), members of the different ethnic groups and of civil society - was recognised by all. Everyone agreed on the fact that the talks started should continue in order to support the resumption of the democratic path in Myanmar.