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Note by the Italian Delegation

Reference is made to our previous document AC/52-D(59)26 concerning the possible organization in Florence of an FIR(1) Conference on the history of the Resistance Movement.

The question is still being closely followed by our authorities, and all available information is being sent to the Italian Delegation, the most recent news dating back to the beginning of October.

At that date the information indicates that the organization of the Conference was still at a preliminary stage.

Some elements are nevertheless emerging from the various reports which might be of interest to the Committee. These are:

- (1) The Conference should discuss the subject: "The Resistance and the new generations";
- (2) Its organization was decided by the FIR at a meeting held in Vienna on 6th July, and the Committee on the teaching of history was instructed to proceed with it;
- (3) The Committee first contacted the "Institute for the history of the Resistance in Tuscany", Italy - which refused to promote the Conference - and subsequently the "National Association of the Italian Victims of Fascist Political Persecutions" (ANPPIA) which responded favourably and now plans to hold the Conference at Palazzo Riccardi, Florence;
- (4) The organizers are studying the possibility of inviting some members of the communist "intelligentsia" from behind the iron curtain;

(1) Fédération Internationale de la Résistance.

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- (5) Those taking part in the Conference would be requested - according to the available reports - to pay a tax of 100 Austrian shillings of US \$4.

The Italian Delegation will keep the Committee informed on all future developments and on the legal measures which - within the frame of the Constitution - the Italian authorities will be able to take in connection with them.

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