

## WFWP Italy visit The President of the Italian Republic, Sergio Mattarella

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WFWP Italy, Int'l Women's Day in Palazzo del Quirinale, official Residence of the President of the Italian Republic, and meeting President Mattarella, 8 March 2017:

In order to celebrate International Women's Day 2017, The President of the Italian Republic, Sergio Mattarella, had chosen the theme "Women of Peace". He had invited ladies representing major institutions of the political sphere as well as the media and several other associations. Elisabetta Nistri, WFWP Italy President, had also been invited to the ceremony.

There were various speeches and some presentations highlighting women's strength in the area of conflict resolution, by seeking reconciliation of all parties involved. According to a study, women who participate in peace treaties manage to bring 25% better results to conflicts compared to male-only reconciliation teams.

A female representative of the Italian army, who had been deployed in peace missions, shared her observation, based on her experience, that societies seem to thrive better where women have the opportunity to study and to work; and children don't suffer from hunger and can go to school. She pointed out how women have generally a very responsible work ethic.

During the reception that followed the main event, Elisabetta got to speak to several Government Ministers as well as the Mayor of Rome, Mrs. Virginia Raggi, and introduced the work of WFWP to them.

She also got to speak to President Mattarella, and thanked him for choosing this important theme for the event, 'Women of Peace'. She could explain about WFWP as well as the IAPP (International Association of the Parliamentarians for Peace), and gifted him with a copy of the magazine 'Voci di Pace' ('Voices of Peace') which he received gratefully.

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