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Att. Mr. Ernfried Obrist
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Dear Mr. Obrist,

Re.: Membership of Italian Shooting Federations within the MLAIC.

You will recall our long and pleasant telephone conversation, of last December, during which you explained the current situation within the Italian Sport Shooting Federations. You informed me of your negotiations with CNDA and the proposals to integrate the CNDA into UITSS. At the same time, the MLAIC delegate should be stipulated by the CNDA.

Since our conversation, I have been given to understand that the negotiations are more difficult than foreseen and that the results not as expected. It appears to me that your negotiations are deadlocked and your intention is now to assume membership of MLAIC instead of CNDA.

We have been asked whether MLAIC would accept a member federation which can only offer a part of our entire program of events; i.e. short range (25/50/100 metres), mid and long range (300/500/600/900/1.000 metres) and clay events. However, it is not really the number of events that can be offered by a member nation that determines their status. There are no relevant restrictions within our Constitution but there are characteristics which are very much appreciated by MLAIC and its member federations - consistency and loyalty.

CNDA, as your Italian National Federation for muzzle loading shooting, has been recognized as a member of MLAIC for many years and, as such, CNDA is also known as a very reliable partner.

Of course I am not trying to suggest the UITSS doesn't itself have consistency and loyalty!

I write this only like to underline that we, the MLAIC, are loyal to our federations. What would you expect from us if you were in a similar position as an MLAIC member federation and another federation tried to gain a foothold in your sector (and possibly displace you from there)?

I am sure you would not be happy and would do everything to reinforce your own position - would you not?

During our telephone conversation, I explained to you that our Constitution only allows ONE federation per nation as "the national federation". In Italy's case, this remains the CNDA until THEY advise us otherwise.

It is as I told you: there is only one way to get access to MLAIC and this is via CNDA. If you could make an agreement with them and if we received an official letter from the CNDA transferring their rights and responsibilities of MLAIC membership to the UITS, there is the possibility to apply for membership.

That's all I can tell you for the time being.

If you needed further information or if you wanted to discuss this matter personally, we should try to find a suitable place where we could sit together and talk. The European Championships in Granada (3rd to 10th of September this year) would probably be a good time and a good place. If an earlier date was preferred or required, we should try to find another date and place (possibly in Switzerland).

For any questions which might arise in the meantime, please feel free to contact me.

I shall await your comments on the above,

I remain,

with best regards,

Gerhard Lang