

**OSCE, Zoffili meets the Ministry of the Interior's anti-drugs chiefs: "It is essential to intensify measures against drug trafficking in the Mediterranean".**

Rome, 1 August 2024 - "Yesterday, in Rome, I had the pleasure of meeting the Carabinieri Major General Pierangelo Iannotti, Central Director for Anti-Drug Services of the DCSA (Central Directorate for Anti-Drug Services) of the Ministry of the Interior, and his Director of the General and International Affairs Service, Carabinieri Brigadier General Giuseppe Donnarumma, to discuss strategies to combat drug trafficking and organised crime.



That meeting also gave me the opportunity to thank the DCSA on its excellent record, and for its invaluable contribution to the drafting of the resolution bearing my first signature on the dangerous dissemination of 'Fentanyl', which was approved in July at the OSCE Annual Assembly in Bucharest, where Italy played a leading role. One of the most important aspects to emerge from the meeting was the need to step up our defences to combat drug trafficking in the Mediterranean. Italy's strategic position makes us a benchmark in the area, not only to guarantee the security of our borders, but also to put an end to this lucrative source of profit and lifeblood for all the mafias and criminal organisations involved.

As the Special Representative of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly on Combating Organised Crime, I renew my commitment to represent Italy and all the Countries of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe to confront this challenge, working together to build a coordinated strategic response at the parliamentary level that will support the enhancement of all useful countermeasure on the ground".

So Eugenio Zoffili, President of the Italian Delegation and Special Representative on Combating Organised Crime of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.