

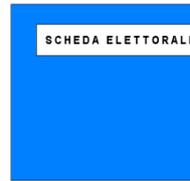
# Instructions on how to return the ballot

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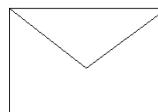
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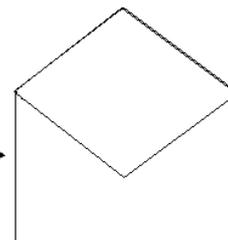
- **1 ballot paper**
- **1 electoral certificate**
- **2 envelopes:** a small white envelope and a larger envelope with the address of the Consulate



You vote by placing a mark on the logo of the chosen list or on the rectangle that contains it. **ONLY** a blue or black ball-point pen may be used. You may mark up to 4 preferences on the names of the candidates of the chosen list.

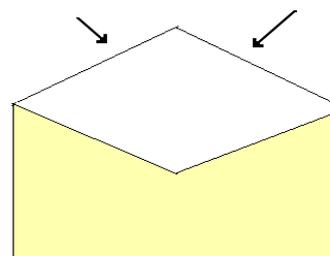
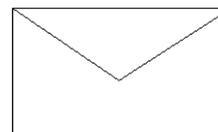


After voting, please **place the ballot paper in the smaller, white envelope**. Then **seal the white envelope**.



Place the sealed envelope together with the stub of the electoral certificate inside the larger envelope addressed to the Consulate.

- **DO NOT ADD THE SENDER'S NAME**
- **ONLY USE THE ENVELOPES PROVIDED BY THE CONSULATE**



Seal the envelope and **return it to the courier** immediately so that it can deliver it to the Consulate by the 3<sup>rd</sup> December.



## **ELECTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE OF ITALIANS ABROAD (COMITES) CONSULAR DISTRICT OF CAPE TOWN**

### **1. WHAT IS COMITES?**

- Comites is an elective body representing the needs of Italians living abroad in their dealings with the diplomatic and consular authorities.
- On the basis of the number of Italian nationals resident in this consular district the COMITES will be composed of 12 members, with a five-year term.

### **2. WHO ARE THE CANDIDATES?**

On December 3 this year, the COMITES members will be elected on the basis of lists of candidates submitted in the consular district.

### **3. WHO CAN VOTE?**

All Italian nationals aged 18 and over who have been resident for at least six months in the consular district, and whose names figure on the list of voters drawn up by the Ministry of Home Affairs, or who have been declared eligible to vote following inquiries conducted in their municipalities by the consular authorities – as long as they sent the required application by November 3.

### **4. HOW TO VOTE**

Italian nationals who reside here, aged 18 and over, will vote by post (in other words, they must courier their ballot form to their local Consulate) using the following procedure:

a) The Consular authorities send an envelope to the address of every voter, containing the following:

- **the electoral certificate** (the document certifying the right to vote)
- **a ballot form**, containing out all the electoral lists submitted, with the names of all the candidates
- **two envelopes** of different sizes
- **a copy of law 286 of 23 October 2003**
- **this information sheet.**

b) Each voter must place a mark on the symbol of the list for which they wish to vote, or at least mark the square containing the symbol, **using ONLY a black or blue pen. Within the chosen list**, each voter may choose **up to 4 candidates' preferences**, by placing a mark on the surname and given name of the chosen candidates.

c) **the completed ballot paper** must be placed in **the smaller plain envelope**, which must be closed and sealed. This sealed envelope, which must contain the completed ballot paper only, is to be placed inside the larger envelope addressed to the Consulate, together with the stub of the electoral certificate which has been detached from the certificate along the dotted line.

d) please **do not write anything which might identify you** on the ballot paper, the plain sealed envelope or on the stub. Both the sealed envelope and the ballot paper **MUST** be undamaged. **DO NOT WRITE THE SENDER'S NAME ON THE ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE CONSULATE. THIS ENVELOPE MUST BE SEALED AND SENT BY COURIER TO THE CONSULAR AUTHORITIES.** The **pre-stamped addressed envelope** must be returned by courier to the Consular authorities as soon as possible, **ENSURING THAT IT IS DELIVERED BY MIDNIGHT ON DECEMBER 3.**