



# *Ministero dell'Interno*

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## **Art. 10, comma 3, lettera c) del Bando di Concorso – LISTENING**

### **LISTENING III**

#### **PRINCIPLES OF THE ITALIAN CONSTITUTION**

The Italian State is governed according to the Republican Constitution that came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1948. The Republic's constitutional organization is summarized in Article 1, which states that Italy is a democratic Republic founded on labour and its sovereignty belongs to the people, who exercise it in the forms and within the limits of the Constitution.

The Constitution guarantees all citizens equality, without discrimination because of sex, race, language, religion, political opinion, personal and social conditions; the inviolability of their person and their house; freedom of opinion and expression; freedom of the press and every other means of communication; freedom of assembly, association, religion, movement etc. as well as the right to private property and economic initiative. Among the duties, there are: being loyal to the Republic and upholding its Constitution and laws; contributing to public expenditure and the defence of the country.

#### **THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC**

The President of the Republic is elected by Parliament in joint session of its members. Also three delegates from every Region elected by the Regional Council participate in the election. Valle d'Aosta has only one delegate. The election of the President of the Republic is by secret ballot with a majority of two thirds of the assembly. After the third ballot an absolute majority shall be sufficient.

Any citizen who has attained fifty years of age and enjoys civil and political rights can be elected President of the Republic. The office of President of the Republic is incompatible with any other office. Before taking office, the President of the Republic, who is elected for seven years, takes an oath of loyalty to the Republic and swears to uphold the Constitution before Parliament in joint session.

The President of the Republic is the Head of the State and represents the Nation's unity.

The Constitution lays out the functions of the President of the Republic, which include:

- authorising the introduction to the Houses of bills initiated by the Government;
- promulgating the laws and issuing decrees having the force of law as well as regulations;
- calling for popular referenda in the cases provided for by the Constitution;
- appointing State officials in the cases provided for by law;
- accrediting and receiving diplomatic representatives, and ratifying international treaties upon authorisation - if required - of the Parliament.

As regards judicial matters, the President presides over the High Council of the Judiciary, appoints one third of the Constitutional Court judges and may grant pardons and commute punishments.

Moreover, after consulting the Presidents of the Houses, the President of the Republic may dissolve Parliament or even only one House.



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#### **EXERCISE 1**

**Answer the following questions:**

- 1) Which discriminations are expressly forbidden in the Italian Constitution?
- 2) Who elects the President of the Republic?
- 3) Who is eligible to the office of President of the Republic?
- 4) Mention at least three functions of the President of the Republic.

#### **EXERCISE 2**

**Complete the following sentences by filling in the gaps (with one or more words):**

- The Italian State is governed according to the Republican Constitution that came into force on (A) .....
- The election of the President of the Republic is by secret ballot with a majority of (B) ..... of the assembly. After the third ballot an (C) ..... majority shall be sufficient.
- As regards judicial matters, the President (D) ..... the High Council of the Judiciary, (E) ..... one third of the Constitutional Court judges and may grant pardons and commute punishments.
- After consulting the Presidents of the Houses, the President of the Republic may dissolve (F) .....