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At its meeting today, Finmeccanica's board of directors announced that Ernesto Monti is to be suspended from the post of director pursuant to art. 5 of treasury ministry decree 516 of 30/12/98. This decree applies to Finmeccanica since it is registered as a "financial intermediary" as per art. 113 of legislative decree 385/93. The decision became necessary following the judgment of the Court of Milan, published on 19 December 2006, which convicted Ernesto Monti for preferential bankruptcy and bankruptcy by misappropriation. This relates to events that date back to 1992, when Mr Monti was a director of Banca di Roma.

In compliance with the above-mentioned law, the board of directors has therefore decided to ask the shareholders' meeting, scheduled for 28 February 2007, with a second session on 1 March 2007 if necessary, to vote on whether Mr Monti should keep his position. The item on the agenda is "Director Ernesto Monti: vote pursuant to art. 5 of ministerial decree 516 of 30/12/1998".