

Rome, 27 March 2007

## **Filippo Andreatta appointed to Finmeccanica board of directors**

At its meeting today, Finmeccanica's board of directors, pursuant to art. 2386 of the Italian civil code, appointed Filippo Andreatta to the board of directors as a replacement for Ernesto Monti, who resigned with effect from 28 February 2007.

The new addition to the board will be submitted for approval at the shareholders' meeting, scheduled for 29 May, plus a second session on 30 May if required.

Filippo Andreatta was born in Bologna on 12.07.1968, and is an expert in political science and international relations. A professor of political science at Bologna University and head of the specialist degree course in international and diplomatic studies at the politics faculty of Forlì, Prof. Andreatta also teaches at John Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, Bologna Center. He sits on committees at a number of institutions, including Italy's Institute of International Affairs, the think tank AREL, and the Institute of Training and Labour Studies, and is on the board of Alma Graduate School.

### **Extension of authorisation to purchase own shares**

The board of directors also voted to propose an extension of the authorisation to buy back own shares for use in the group's existing share incentive scheme, pursuant to the shareholders' resolutions of 16 May 2003 and 1 June 2005 (2002-2004 and 2005-2007 incentive schemes respectively). The extension will last for 18 months from the date of the shareholders' resolution, and will cover up to 4,200,000 ordinary Finmeccanica shares.

This buyback may be implemented in several stages as considered appropriate, at the market price recorded on the day before the purchase plus 5% (maximum) or at the market price recorded on the day before the purchase minus 5% (minimum). The shares may be purchased on the market, or via the purchase and sale of derivative instruments traded on regulated markets.

The company currently holds 600,601 own shares, equivalent to 0.1413% of the share capital.

### **Changes to articles of association**

The board also decided to submit to an extraordinary session of the shareholders' meeting a proposal to amend the group's articles of association pursuant to law 262 of 28.12.2005 (savings law) and the subsequent legislative decree 303 of 29.12.2006.