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Clarification on EU Commission decision

With reference to the European Commission's decision on aid to certain R&D projects in the aeronautics sector carried out by Group companies, Finmeccanica - which has always collaborated with the Italian government and with the Commission throughout this lengthy, complex and delicate matter – declares that it has made the necessary and appropriate provisions.

Concerning the decision to postpone the preliminary study on two leading programmes in the helicopters business, Finmeccanica expresses disbelief that after the information provided so far by the Italian government to the Commission, doubts still remain. Finmeccanica will in any case continue to provide all the necessary information to dispel any remaining doubts, since these programmes are of extreme importance for national security.