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From: Mr Giancarlo GIORGETTI, Minister of Economy and Finance, Italy  
date of receipt: 4 August 2023  
To: Ms Thérèse BLANCHET, Secretary-General of the Council of the  
European Union

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Subject: Letter to present the candidacy of Italy to host the Anti-Money-  
Laundering-Authority (AMLA)

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Delegations will find attached the letter mentioned above.

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E-MAIL



*Il Ministro  
dell'Economia e delle Finanze*

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- To Ms. Nadia Maria Calviño  
Minister of Finance, Spain
- To Ms. Thérèse Blanchet  
Secretary General of the Council

Dear Minister,  
Dear Secretary-General,

I'm honored to officially announce the decision, already preannounced at the COREPER held on 5<sup>th</sup> July, to present the candidacy of Italy to host the Anti-Money-Laundering-Authority (AMLA) and, in particular, the strong commitment to candidate Rome for this purpose.

The Italian legal and institutional framework for preventing and combating money laundering and the financing of terrorism is recognized as one of the most advanced and effective at global level, in the light of its track-record of successful fight against criminal phenomena and terrorism.

In the last two decades Italy has proactively contributed to strengthen the European framework to fight money laundering and terrorist financing, building on its successful experience and leading role in tackling financial crimes. Now, we are eager to leverage our experience to build an even more robust supervisory system at the European level.

We would therefore be pleased to put the best practices developed so far at the service of our European partners, namely Italy's Anti-Money Laundering institutional framework, the ability of our authorities to cooperate domestically and with their European and international counterparts, our analyses and investigative techniques reinforced over the years.


Beyond its natural and historical beauties, the high standard of living quality and the welcoming nature of its inhabitants, the Italian capital city would provide the new Authority's staff with a "state of the art" premises, and their families with a wide and highly qualified network of international educational and medical care system together with favorable job opportunities.

The dense scheduling of daily flights from and to other European cities, the frequency and the short duration of the connections from the closest Rome's international airport to the headquarters as well as the quality and quantity of accommodation facilities would make easy the travelling to Rome for the AMLA staff and their families and also favour the expected frequent meeting activities organized by AMLA.

Furthermore, the city has the advantage to host all the Italian supervisory and investigative authorities engaged in the fight against Money Laundering/Terrorism Financing. Rome is also attractive in terms of opportunity of AML-CFT training. Very close to Rome (Ostia), the Guardia di Finanza's School of Economic and Financial Police permanently conducts qualified training courses on AML-CFT subjects intended for European experts; since 2014 the School has been home to the OECD's "International Academy for Tax Crime Investigation".

I am at your disposal if you have any further questions.

Your sincerely,

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