



*Al Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Rome, December 9th, 2019

Dear President,

on the occasion of the fifth edition of the Italy Corporate Governance Conference, I would like to send my greetings to You, the Authorities and all the guests attending.

Due to certain institutional commitments, I will not be able to attend today's Conference.

However, I would like to express my appreciation to the Corporate Governance Committee for organizing this important meeting between the main actors of an increasingly strategic sector for the Italian economy and the international financial community.

The development of the capital market is essential for the growth of our companies and for attracting international institutional investors to Italy. Corporate Governance practices adopted by Italian companies play a key role in establishing and protecting confidence and in encouraging access to capital markets. In this context, I recognize the Italian Corporate Governance Committee's leadership in promoting best practices and their effective implementation.

In particular, I welcome the new Corporate Governance Code, which is going to be approved shortly, as an important step forward in motivating Italian companies toward developing a more long-term strategy. The Code will allow them to focus on the goal of sustainable success, in which the interests of the relevant stakeholders and of the company as a whole are duly taken into consideration. I also appreciate the special effort to favor small companies and particularly family-controlled companies' access to capital markets. These companies are a vital component of the Italian economy and need capital market financing to support their growth.

The Italian Government actively supports these efforts, as they contribute to the creation of more sustainable economic growth for our country.

I would therefore like to thank Assogestioni, Assonime, OECD and the Italian Stock Exchange for having organized these two days of meetings and discussions, out of which, I am certain, significant ideas and remarks will emerge.

I send You and all the participants in the conference my best wishes for a productive work session.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Patrizia Grieco
Chair
Italian Corporate
Governance Committee

Giuseppe Conte