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**Elections: ABI and ANIA, results are clear,
now action plan for development and trust is necessary**

Milan, 16 April 2008 – Today in a joint statement, representatives from ABI and ANIA said, “Election results are clear, there are all the elements of stability necessary for a legislative period capable of raising GDP, and gaining back the trust of families and companies”.

The two associations, which from the current month will join forces and create a Unitary Federation, emphasise, “The need for the new Government that will be formed to promptly develop a plan of action based on upgrading of tangible and intangible infrastructures, requalification of unproductive public spending, effective reforms starting from the reform of the justice system, in order to attract employment and investment opportunities from foreign Countries. Furthermore, this should be a plan of action aimed at emphasising freedom of economic initiative, guaranteeing uniform fiscal treatment in relation to company organization. The combination of these measures, according to ABI and ANIA, will also contribute to strengthen financial markets, driving force for development. ABI and ANIA are ready to offer full collaboration to the next Government in the awareness that they – and the banking and insurance companies that they represent – are playing a key role for boosting competitiveness of our Country both in Europe, and in the whole world”.