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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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*Cyber Security protocol signed by  
Italian State Police and Ansaldo Energia SpA*

An agreement was signed today with the aim of preventing and fighting cyber crimes committed against information systems by introducing shared action procedures, exchanging useful information and organising training sessions.

The official signing of the document consolidates growing synergy that began years ago because of Ansaldo's strategic role as a leading international player across the entire power production cycle, from component production and turnkey plants, to maintenance services and continuous monitoring for critical customer infrastructure.

As also established by the recent European NIS directive, the protection and resilience of critical infrastructure in the current situation requires the strengthening of prevention and security for information systems of public interest that handle data regarded as sensitive, in order to prevent the possibility of hacker attacks, including those linked to terrorism.

The protocol was signed by Tiziana Pagnozzi, Director of the Postal and Communications Police Department for Liguria, and by Luca Luigi Manuelli, Chief Digital Officer and Senior Vice President Quality, IT and Process Improvement of Ansaldo Energia SpA, at a ceremony attended by Genoa Police Chief Vincenzo Ciarambino and Ansaldo Energia SpA CEO Giuseppe Zampini.

This cooperation model, inspired by the principle of participatory security, has the goal of providing effective synergic protection for Italian country system resources, so benefiting the entire community and helping reduce the operating costs incurred due to interruptions in services that are delivered by IT and telecommunications systems.

Ansaldo Energia, as a supplier of turnkey products and services for electric power operators, is in a privileged position to monitor the resilience of critical infrastructure needed to deliver the electric power that is regarded as an essential service in any nation.

The Italian State Police have for some time, exclusively through the C.N.A.I.P.I.C. (National Anti-Crime Computer Centre for Critical Infrastructure Protection) been undertaking significant prevention and enforcement activities for common, organised or terrorist-linked IT crimes against critical IT resources of national importance.

Making use of high level technologies and highly qualified personnel specialising in the fight against cyber crime, the Postal and Communications Police draw on practical experience gained in so-called “cyber terrorism” and industrial espionage to protect critical infrastructure, entities, businesses, and small and medium enterprises that manage sensitive data, in order to prevent it being stolen through hacker attacks.

For Ansaldo Energia, this partnership contributes to strengthening both its own protection model and that of its energy sector customers, as well as to promoting ongoing orientation and awareness raising activities with the supply chain.