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COVID-19 EMERGENCY: NO CLOSURE OF PRODUCTION PLANTS IN ITALY UNLESS THIS DECISION IS SHARED WITH BOTH GERMANY AND FRANCE

According to ANFIA, there is no margin for the closure of plants within the Italian automotive supply chain, other than by a joint decision of all EU countries, in particular, Germany and France. Without a joint approach, there will be irreparable damage to the competitiveness of the Italian automotive sector

Turin, March 16th 2020 - Faced with the ongoing health emergency that has been affecting Italy for some weeks now and with the worsening of the situation in recent days, the Italian automotive supply chain which is represented by ANFIA and, after having put in place all the government measures to prevent and contain the spread of the epidemic, argues that there is no margin for the closure of production plants, except by a joint decision of all EU countries, in particular, Germany and France. The possible closure of Italian plants for 15 days is only feasible if that decision is jointly taken by the German and French Governments for their respective countries, which make up the top two destination countries for the export of Italian automotive components (Germany: 20% share in 2018; France: 11% share in 2018).

The possibility of a freeze on activities at regional level - in Lombardy and Piedmont - or at a national level - for Italy as a whole whilst the rest of Europe remains in full swing - is something we are strongly opposed to. If implemented, it would in both cases lead to irreparable damage to the Italian automotive supply chain and severely affect our competitiveness within international markets.

It is clear, that in a globalised sector such as ours with its complex and profoundly interconnected supply chains, a regional or national shutdown of production would mean the immediate loss of orders and customers abroad, with devastating long term consequences on the Italian economy, of which the automotive sector is a driving force, and which is currently extremely vulnerable.

"We care about the well-being of our employees - stated Paolo Scudieri, President of ANFIA - our factories today are places where all government safety measures are rigorously applied, but we are also working for a recovery that can give a future to our employees and, together with them, to their families".

ANFIA believes that this joint approach would also be beneficial for both Germany and France, acting as an important preventive measure in those two countries where an escalation of contagions similar to the one already experienced, and unfortunately still ongoing in Italy.

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Components: motor vehicle parts and components manufacturers; Car Coachbuilders and Designers: companies working in the sector of design, engineering and style of motor vehicles and/or parts and components for the automotive sector; Motor vehicles: motor vehicles manufacturers in general, including trucks, trailers, camper vans, special means of transport.

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