

## PRESS RELEASE

The Ministry of Economy and Finance notifies that today an advance redemption transaction was settled at market price (100.97), for a nominal value of 250 million euros concerning the 6,25% 1/1/1997-2002 BTP (code number ISIN IT0000367844).

The amounts allocated in the balance sheet to loan repayment were used to settle this transaction, thus the amounts available in the Fund for amortization of State bonds were not affected.

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