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COMUNICATO STAMPA

**US DOLLAR GLOBAL BOND ISSUE**

The Republic of Italy, rated Aa2/A+/AA-, has mandated Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley and UBS Investment Bank for a 3 year US\$ Global Benchmark. Launch and pricing subject to market conditions.

The proceeds of the bond offering will be used for general purposes of the Italian Government, including debt management purposes.

This announcement is not an offer for sale of any securities. A copy of the prospectus and prospectus supplement relating to the securities will be available on the website of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)

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