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**PRESS RELEASE**

The Board of the Interbank Deposit Protection Fund (FITD) and the Management Board of the Voluntary Scheme (SVI), meeting today, have taken note of the announcement made by Cassa Centrale Banca (CCB), well in advance of the deadline, regarding the decision of its Board of Directors not to proceed with the purchase of the equity investment held by FITD and SVI in Banca Carige, within the contractual terms provided.

Unpredictable effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on market conditions, the progress and risks associated with the disruption led the CCB Board to take this decision.

Consequently, the Fund and the Voluntary Scheme have re-confirmed their full commitment in support of Banca Carige. They will continue the search for other business combinations and potential partners consistent with the advancement of the Bank's potential, with support for the important work being carried out by its governing bodies and structure and with the significant results achieved despite a time of adverse conditions created by the pandemic crisis.