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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Subject: Banca Carige**

On 14 February 2022, the Statutory Bodies of FITD unanimously approved a preventive intervention in favor of Banca Carige, pursuant to art. 35 of the FITD Statute, for an amount of 530 million euros in the form of a capital contribution in favor of Carige, as part of an overall transaction which, subject to legal authorizations, will be carried out by BPER Banca. Among other things, the transaction includes the purchase by BPER at a symbolic price of the equity investment in Carige held by FITD and its Voluntary Scheme (approximately 80%) and the subordinated loan issued by Carige in 2018 for 5 million euros, equal to the nominal value.

The transaction is in line with the statutory provisions of the FITD and Voluntary Scheme.

The sales and purchase agreement, signed on the same date, also regulates the executive activities foreseen in the coming weeks with the aim of reaching the completion of the transaction by 30 June 2022.

With this transaction, at the end of a competitive and transparent procedure, FITD has successfully implemented its commitment to support the Bank and protect all depositors and stakeholders.