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### **American and Italian business leaders discuss the impact of European elections, Greek debt crisis, and oil prices on the global economy**

*Paolo Gentiloni, Pier Carlo Padoan, James Manyika and Sergio Marchionne  
at the Council for the US and Italy's Venice Workshop*

Venice, June 4, 2015 - As a new deadline approaches for the Greek debt crisis and as OPEC nations meet in Vienna to negotiate the oil and energy prices, the **annual Workshop of the Council for the United States and Italy** will examine some of the underlying trends and prospects in those areas, and hear leaders of Premier Matteo Renzi's government.

The Workshop will take place in **Venice** on **Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6, 2015** at the Hotel St. Regis Venice San Clemente Palace (San Clemente island). Attendance is reserved to members of the Council and invited guests, including Italian and key international figures from politics, academia, industry, and finance.

The keynote speeches of the Workshop will be given by **Paolo Gentiloni** (Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs), **James Manyika** (Vice Chair President Obama's Global Development Council and Director, McKinsey Global Institute), **Pier Carlo Padoan** (Italian Minister of Economy and Finance), and **Martin Indyk** (Executive Vice President, The Brookings Institution).

The Workshop is the main initiative of the Italian branch of the Council for the US and Italy, a private organization aimed at fostering closer ties between the United States and Italy and, in a broader perspective, between US and Europe. The Council is chaired by **Sergio Marchionne**, CEO of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles.

During the Workshop, four panels will take place:

#### Friday, June 5:

*Europe and the 2015 elections: Greece, UK, Denmark, and Spain.* The panel will be chaired by **Jim Hoagland** (Contributing editor and columnist, The Washington Post). **Joaquín Almunia** (former Vice-President of the European Commission), **Bill Emmott** (former editor-in-chief, The Economist), **Karin Riis-Jørgensen** (Deputy Chairman, European Alliance of Liberals and Democrats and Senior Advisor, Kream), and **Loukas Tsoukalis** (Professor, University of Athens and President, ELIAMEP) will contribute to the discussion.

*Economic growth and the recovery of investment in Europe.* **Ferdinando Nelli Feroci** (President, Istituto Affari Internazionali) will moderate a panel with the participation of **David Folkerts-Landau** (Chief Economist and Member of the Group Executive Committee, Deutsche Bank), **Lorenzo Bini Smaghi** (Chairman SNAM and Chairman Société Générale) and **Jacob Frenkel** (Chairman, JPMorgan Chase International).

#### Saturday, June 6:

*The price of oil and its impact on the European, American and global economies.* The panel will be chaired by **Donato Iacovone** (Mediterranean Managing Partner, EY Italy), **M. Ayhan Kose** (Director, Development Prospects Group, World Bank), **Lucian Pugliaresi** (President, Energy Policy Research Foundation), **Peter Sutherland** (former Chairman of BP and special Representative of the Secretary General, United Nations for Migration) will take part to discussion.

*The impact of the digital economy on the production and organization of work.* **Fabrizio Saccomanni** (former Italian Minister of Economy and Finance) will moderate a panel with the participation of **Roberto Crapelli** (Managing Director, Roland Berger Strategy Consultants), **Carlo D'Asaro Biondo** (President EMEA Strategic Relationships, Google) and **Jeremy Wyatt** (Professor of robotics and artificial Intelligence, School of Computer Science, University of Birmingham).

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