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to the Commission**

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Subject: Building the new NTV-Italo fleet of high-speed trains

In the decree dated 10 December 2014 the Italian Ministry for Economic Development approved the proposal to build the new fleet of NTV-Italo high-speed trains using the energy-efficiency certificates mechanism (the so-called white certificates). The decree describes the plan as a 'major project' in accordance with Article 8 of the Decree passed by the same Ministry on 28 December 2012.

Previously the proposer NTV-Italo complained of unfair ticket prices for the high-speed/high-capacity lines stipulated by Resolution No 70 of 31 October 2014 of the Italian Regulatory Authority for Transport (ART).

The resolution refers to Article 8 of Directive 2001/14/EC (subsequently incorporated in Directive 2012/34/EU) which states that infrastructure managers (IM) may set higher mark-ups and charges for specific investment projects.

In the light of Directives 2012/27/EU and 2006/32/EC, does the Commission believe that the aforesaid provisions can be classified as State subsidies to the company NTV-Italo?