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## **Finmeccanica – Selex ES will guarantee secure communications during the visit of Pope Francis to Florence**

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- The company has provided a control centre for handling emergency situations, an experienced Selex ES team and a mobile operations centre which will be on-hand to support the network.
- The communications system includes 150 radio terminals to facilitate in-field activities along the entire route of the visit.
- Selex ES's technology was also employed at the Expo Milano 2015 and was used during the election of Pope Francis in Rome in 2013.

On the occasion of the Pope's first visit to Florence on November 10th, Finmeccanica – Selex ES will provide network and TETRA communication systems for Civil Defence Department staff, the Provincial Committee of Safety and emergency medical services personnel. In doing so, the company will guarantee radio coverage along the entire route and in all areas of the city visited by Pope Francis, allowing for coordinated security management during the day.

150 portable radio terminals will be provided, allowing operators to communicate with each other and with the fixed public telephone network and external mobile phones when needed. GPS receivers in each terminal will also send back location data to a central base of operations made available by Selex ES at the Civil Defence Department headquarters, allowing control staff to monitor the distribution of forces in the field.

A Selex ES team operating out of a mobile centre will support operational activities while another specialized team will provide technical assistance for the duration of the event.

### Notes to editors:

Selex ES communications equipment, which saw service at the Florence World Cycling Championships in 2013, is deployed in more than 50 countries around the world. It is primarily used for the protection of critical areas and infrastructures and in support of law enforcement.

The company has helped guarantee the safety of a number of major events with equipment that includes its TETRA communications systems. These include Expo Milano 2015 (for which Finmeccanica was an Official Global Partner), the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Sochi in 2014, the election of Pope Francis in 2013 and the canonization of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II in Rome in 2014.