

Press release

With reference to press conjectures published today by the newspaper "La Repubblica" in the article titled "Bnl, da Fazio via libera a Unipol" (BNL, Fazio gives green light to Unipol) and signed by Andrea Greco, it is hereby stated that they are **completely groundless** and that Unipol Assicurazioni shall act as it deems most appropriate to safeguard its own rights in all instances, even criminal ones.

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