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Clarification from Finmeccanica

With reference to the article published today in L'Espresso, entitled "*Cose turche all'Alenia*" (Alenia involved in shady dealings in Turkey), Finmeccanica would like to state that the contract for the supply of four maritime patrol versions of the ATR 72 aircraft for the Air Force totals 260 million Euro and not 360 million Euro, as wrongly reported by the weekly magazine.

Note that this contract includes the integration of the mission system and all sensors necessary for completion of the mission, as well as the aircraft.

Regarding the assertion that four aircraft "will be built in Turkey", this is unfounded. All activities relating to the design, development, production and certification of the mission system and equipment, sensors and aircraft fittings, as well as Alenia Aeronautica's share of production, will be undertaken in Italy, where Finmeccanica already manufactures other versions of maritime patrol aircraft ordered by national customers. In Turkey - where Finmeccanica won an international tender and launched a production line in the country for 10 aircraft in 2005 – only the activities connected with the structural modifications necessary to enable the installation of the mission system will be carried out: this amounts to less than 5% of the total contract. This will generate considerable savings for the Italian taxpayer compared to the option of building a new production line in Italy for only four aircraft.