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object

INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO SAVE THE ITALIAN CITIES FROM 1960s-LIKE PROPOSED SKYSCRAPERS

The Italian cities represent a worldwide patrimony of Mankind, and for the Italian Nation, an unvaluable richness.

Their skyline reflects a true millennial civilization and an un-beatable trademark.

The edifices that arise higher than the urban fabric always express the community values: the church, the public palace, the Municipal Building, the Town Hall, the Government, etc.

The alarm spread all over the world by the media on the risks caused by the proposed new skyscrapers in Turin reveals a severe menace for both the un-matchable skyline of the city and the Italian's reputation in the world.

Not only do the proposed skyscrapers express in their box-like aesthetic a sad and banal nostalgia for the building catastrophes of the 1950s and 1960s, but they introduce too a huge alteration of the democratic and economic principles of a modern civilized society.

Either every citizen holds the right to build a skyscraper -as it happens in a few areas of American cities such as Up-town and Mid-town Manhattan- or nobody does it -like in the Village at New York City, in Washington DC, Paris, etc.

A Vision of Europe and the *Fondation pour l'Architecture* do strongly recommend your intervention in order to avoid the aggression to the elegant skyline of the Italian cities, protect the architectural heritage of the Italian cities, promote a new policy of sustainable Urban Renaissance. A truly innovative one after the many dysasters of the 1950s and 1970s. A policy which will be respectful of the great Classical tradition of Italy.

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