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ITALY-USA: SCAJOLA AND CHU, WORKING TOGETHER ON RENEWABLE RESOURCES AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Investment in energy security and sustainable development, energy strategies to respond to global climate change and action programmes to fight energy poverty – with particular focus on Africa were among the issues discussed yesterday evening during a telephone conversation between the Minister of Economic Development Claudio Scajola and the United States recently appointed Energy Secretary Steven Chu.

During the conversation, a joint commitment to energy efficiency and renewable supplies of energy was reaffirmed, as was the intention to cooperate on the development of technology that reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

The G8 Energy Ministers Meeting in Rome on May 24-25 organised by the Ministry of Economic Development will provide the opportunity for in-depth discussions between Mr Scajola and Mr Chu, not least during the bilateral meetings between Italy and the United States, that will help to define potential joint programmes for the two administrations in the energy sector.

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