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The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Angelino Alfano, met with Giovanni Raimondi, the President of the Agostino Gemelli University Polyclinic Foundation.

The talks – which followed Mr Alfano's meeting with the United Nations Special Envoy for Syria, Staffan De Mistura – focused on "Ospedali aperti in Siria" ("Open Hospitals in Syria"), the project launched by the Agostino Gemelli University Polyclinic Foundation and the NGO AVSI to support three hospital facilities in Syria, two of which in Damascus and one in Aleppo.

"It is a very important initiative – said Minister Alfano – which is evidence of our Country's special attention for the most vulnerable populations, an attention that tangibly translates into a qualified support in delivering health care services and in providing personnel training."

"In this respect, this morning I expressed to Staffan de Mistura our concern for the alarming numbers of the Syrian crisis: 350,000 dead, 1 million injured, 5 million refugees and 6 million internally displaced persons. It is a humanitarian emergency that can no longer wait. The project launched by the Gemelli Foundation and AVSI is a first important response in this direction," concluded Mr Alfano at the end of the meeting with Mr Raimondi.

The Project will be presented at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow at Rome's Agostino Gemelli University Polyclinic, preceded by the reading of a welcome message by the Foreign Minister.

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