<u>Statement by President Juncker ahead</u> <u>of the Italian parliamentary elections</u>

Elections are a moment of democracy, and this applies to Italy - a country that is very close to my heart.

On 4 March the Italians will go to the polls and cast their votes. Whatever the outcome, I am confident that we will have a government that makes sure that Italy remains a central player in Europe and in shaping its future.