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Regarding your request, we would like to remind you that:

Alessandro Benetton has long taken a public stance on the tragedy in Genoa, condemning the communication errors that occurred, particularly the regrettable lack of timely expression of solidarity and support for the relatives of the victims. He wishes to reiterate these sentiments and offer his deepest apologies, acknowledging that this tragic event, as repeatedly recognized, will forever weigh on the reputation of the family.

It is nevertheless worth emphasizing that:

Alessandro Benetton assumed the chairmanship of Edizione in January 2022, sharing with his cousins, the new generation leading the Group, a strong commitment to discontinuity and a common desire to provide a sense of direction to the subsidiaries by investing in youth, innovation, and sustainability. This commitment has allowed, among other things, the establishment of a large global group in integrated mobility, with its heart and brain in Italy, in less than a year and a half. It has also played an important role in the development of internationally significant industrial platforms, providing employment to tens of thousands of people, with a radical renewal of the governance and management of the controlled companies.

For over 30 years, Alessandro Benetton has chosen to pursue an independent professional path, separate from his family of origin. In 1992 he founded 21 Invest, one of the first European private equity investment groups; 95% of the asset under management comes from third party investors, unrelated to the family, with the goal of supporting the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises, fostering development and employment.

Throughout the years, Alessandro Benetton has also been a critical voice regarding certain business and managerial decisions of the family's group, expressing his point of view and dissent, and clarifying on multiple occasions the importance of separation between the roles of management and shareholders.

Trusting that the judiciary will ensure justice, Alessandro Benetton once again offers his sincere condolences to the victims' relatives, while aware, however, that unfortunately, the loss of a loved one can never be compensated.

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