



**PRESS RELEASE
OF
HRH VITTORIO EMANUELE OF SAVOY
DUKE OF SAVOY
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I followed closely and with particular pleasure what was correctly reported by the national daily "Il Corriere della Sera" with the interview, which I shared, given by my son Emanuele Filiberto and subsequently quoted by many national and foreign newspapers.

The attention this stance has attracted in the media shows the great interest in the issue I decided to address three years ago, that is, the abolition of Salic law; the international attention my young niece Vittoria has attracted confirms the validity of my choice, that is, to allow a woman to become Head of my House in the future.

I greatly appreciated and approve of the words my son used, because of his love for Vittoria and the sensitivity with which he has addressed this issue while explaining to the Italian people my will with this historic decision.

The abolition of Salic law, which respects my exact will, is certainly in step with the times, and I have wanted and sought it in order to emphasise the importance that the Women of the House of Savoy have always had over the centuries and that, thanks to Vittoria, they will continue to have in the years to come.

The statements my son has made make me proud of him, because they are a confirmation of what we have done together so far, they strengthen our choices, they fortify our ideas and consolidate our will.

I absolutely consider what he said as a courageous choice, which I agree with and which does not surprise me, because I know perfectly well what he thinks and how he acts, I know what education he is giving to my niece Vittoria, and I know how united we both are in our intentions and plans for our House.

My son Emanuele Filiberto will make his choice at the right time and as he wishes, it will come when my niece is ready and prepared, and it will give new impetus and vigour to my Family.

Nothing changes at all for the moment: we work together every day and always in close contact with each other, he supports me and I support him, everything is always agreed between us, and I am absolutely delighted with the results my son is achieving, with the appreciation his commitment

inspires in people, with the love Italians give him and with what he does with a genuine impulse of generosity towards those in need.

In these years, my niece Vittoria has grown, and I have increasingly come to appreciate her seriousness and maturity, her sensitivity and concern for others, which she has demonstrated on several occasions, not least in her mission to war-torn Ukraine.

Her public and institutional engagements are gradually increasing, and she is taking on her rightful responsibilities with rigour, in the name of the House that she is increasingly called upon by me to represent before the Italian people, to whom she owes respect and dedication.

I regularly speak and have the pleasure of exchanging views with her on increasingly important topics, and I appreciate her seriousness and commitment more and more, especially because of her growing commitment to the Dynastic Orders of my House, which are characterised today more than ever by their charity activities, by their help for the needy and by concrete support during the recent numerous natural disasters, especially in our beloved Emilia Romagna.

I am certain and sincerely convinced that my niece Vittoria will increasingly become a strong point of reference for the whole Royal House of Savoy, which is why I invite you all to support her in her projects and ideas, in following her and helping her along the important path she is taking and that will see her become a protagonist in the future.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Vittoria Emanuele". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.