

Open Letter to Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni

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Dear Prime Minister Meloni,

When you came to power, many observers inside and outside Italy expected turbulence.

Some predicted confrontation with the European Union.

Others expected financial instability, political crises, or the rapid collapse of your coalition.

Several years later, many of those predictions have not come true.

Your government has proven far more stable than many expected.

Italy has maintained constructive relations with its European partners while continuing to defend its own national interests.

Financial markets have remained relatively calm.

Your government has demonstrated greater pragmatism in office than many critics anticipated.

One of your most notable achievements has been political durability.

Italy has long been known for frequent government changes and fragile coalitions.

Compared with many previous governments, your administration has provided an unusual degree of continuity.

You have also shown a strong ability to communicate with voters.

Even those who disagree with your policies often acknowledge that you speak clearly about national identity, immigration, sovereignty, economic competitiveness, and demographic decline.

Another important achievement has been Italy's continued economic resilience despite difficult international conditions.

While Italy still faces structural challenges, fears of immediate financial instability have largely failed to materialize.

However, significant concerns remain.

Italy continues to carry one of the highest public debt burdens in Europe.

Economic growth remains modest.

Productivity growth remains weak.

Many young Italians continue to leave the country in search of better opportunities abroad.

Perhaps the most serious long-term challenge facing Italy is demographic decline.

Birth rates remain among the lowest in Europe.

Without meaningful progress in this area, many of today's political debates may become secondary compared to the future sustainability of Italy's economy and social systems.

Migration policy has also remained controversial.

Your government promised stronger control of migration flows.

While measures have been introduced, the reality has often proven more complicated than campaign slogans suggested.

Both supporters and critics can find evidence for their arguments.

Internationally, your government has balanced national priorities with commitments to NATO, Ukraine, and European cooperation.

Supporters see this as evidence of maturity and responsibility.

Critics sometimes view it as a retreat from the more radical positions that helped bring your movement to power.

The central question of your premiership may be this:

Can Italy achieve meaningful renewal without losing the stability that your government has helped provide?

Political stability is valuable.

But stability alone cannot solve problems that have accumulated over decades.

Italy still needs stronger economic growth, higher productivity, more affordable housing, greater opportunities for young people, and a credible response to demographic decline.

What I would like to see from your government is a focus on those long-term challenges.

History rarely remembers leaders for managing daily politics.

It remembers those who solve structural problems.

Your government has already demonstrated political resilience.

The greater challenge is whether it can deliver lasting national renewal.

My overall assessment:

4 out of 5.

You have exceeded many expectations regarding stability, international credibility, and political effectiveness. Yet Italy's deepest economic and demographic challenges remain unresolved, and the ultimate judgment of your premiership will depend on whether progress is made in those areas.

Respectfully,

A Citizen of the World

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