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### FINAL REMARKS ON THE S4 PROGRESS

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- ✓ The successful progress of ITACA, with the beta version on line and the 1.0 release about to be published, is a product of a positive interaction between DPC, seismologists and engineers, which ensured the quality of the advancement achieved so far.
- ✓ The S4 Project has benefited, on one side, from the L'Aquila earthquake, and from the previous Parma earthquake as well, since these events have been demanding but successful benchmarks for the Project and have dramatically increased the worldwide visibility of ITACA.
- ✓ As a consequence, some of the Project activities have been moved towards the immediate needs highlighted by the L'Aquila earthquake emergency, such as the geological-geotechnical characterization of the Abruzzo region sites, and the improvement of the quality of ITACA accelerograms, such as the new correction and check of available data, new file headers, re-sampling of response spectra, implementation of RexelLite, improvement of downloading procedures.
- ✓ At this stage of the Project, it is the opinion of the coordinators that the future of ITACA is an important issue to be addressed.
- ✓ This point should be discussed together with the other main actors involved, in order to plan the best way to promote and maintain ITACA, and to provide the due support both from a scientific and from an operational point of view.
- ✓ For this purpose, a "permanent" task force should be recommended, including both scientific and operational personnel from DPC and INGV and from the other research institutions that mainly contributed to the development of ITACA.