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The Board of Directors of the Telecommunications Regulatory Board (TRB), a special public establishment, held its 54th ordinary session and 60th extraordinary session in Kribi (LAGON Hotel) respectively on 23 and 24 May at the invitation of its President, **Professor Justine DIFFO née TCHUNKAM**.

The Director General, **Professor ZOO ZAME Philémon**, assisted by the Deputy Director General, **Mr. ZOURMBA ABOUBAKAR**, reported on the items on the agenda.

The proceedings of the 54th ordinary session, held on 23 May 2024, were devoted to the examination of the accounts and financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and the assessment of the operational performance of the TRB for the fiscal year 2023 and the interim financial year 2024.

The Board listened to presentations by the Director General on the management report, the accounts and financial statements, the asset inventory report and the annual performance reports for the year 2023 and the interim year 2024 as at 30 April 2024, on the one hand, and by the Auditor on his certification reports on the accounts and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023, on the other hand.

After examination and discussion, the Board of Directors approved the accounts and financial statements of the TRB for the financial year 2023, which highlighted:

- A balance sheet showing assets and liabilities of 304 877 735 296 FCFA;
- 2. A profit and loss account showing an accounting profit of 16 771 823 422 FCFA;
- 3. A budget revenue of 56 620 845 252 FCFA;
- 4. Repayments of revenue shares amounting to 30 159 800 000 FCFA to the Treasury, the Special Telecommunications Fund (FST), ANTIC and other beneficiary public entities;
- 5. A budget surplus of 637 933 650 FCFA.

With regard to the assessment of operational performance, the Board of Directors followed with interest the presentation of the Annual Performance Reports (RAP) for the financial years 2023 and mid-term 2024, as at 30 April 2024, which demonstrated the efficient performance of the regulatory tasks entrusted to the TRB.

At the close of the 54th ordinary session, and in the light of the above relevant results, the Board of Directors decided to:

- Approve the accounts and financial statements of the TRB for 2023;
- Approve the Management and Asset Inventory Reports as at 31 December 2023;
- Approve the TRB Annual Performance Report for the fiscal year 2023 and take note of the Interim Annual Performance Report as at 30 April 2024;
- Discharge the TRB Management from all liability in respect of its performance for the financial year 2023.

At the end of its 60th extraordinary session on 24 May 2002, the Board of Directors agreed to the principle of revising some organic documents of the TRB in order to keep pace with technological and structural developments in the electronic communications sector, subject to the consolidation of certain related information. These include the organisation chart, staff regulations and internal rules of the TRB.

The Board also listened with interest to the Management's presentation on current developments in telecommunications regulation, the main points of which are set out below, and instructed the further implementation of all the levers of action stemming from Decree No. 2020/727:

- Following the actions and measures taken since 2022 to sustainably improve the quality of electronic communications services throughout the national territory, the TRB has started to evaluate the implementation of the 2023 action plans, in particular those dedicated to coverage and quality of service. The TRB has also issued instructions to concession holding operators and the main passive infrastructure operators to ensure the consistency of their action and investment plans for 2024, and to ascertain the practical organisation of maintenance activities on their respective networks;
- Between April and May 2024, joint TRB/operator monitoring missions were carried out on coverage and quality of service, frequency use, numbers, subscriber identification and tariffs. The results are currently being finalised;
- Audit of the national fibre network is underway;
- Implementation of measures prescribed by the TRB in 2023 to eliminate jamming and interference affecting the performance of operators' networks in the major cities of Yaoundé and Douala.

Finally, the Board Chair expressed its satisfaction to the Management for the quality and relevance of the documents presented and encouraged the implementation of the above-mentioned measures aimed at the smooth development of the electronic communications activities. /-

pone in Kribi, 24 MAI 2024

The Board Chair,

Prof. Justine DIFFO née TCHUNKAM