

SPECIAL VOTE OF THANKS TO HIS EXCELLENCY, GNASSINGBE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TOGO

The executive officers of the Road Maintenance Fund, at the end of their meeting, held from the 22nd to 23rd of April 2004 in Lome, Togo, hereby express their heartfelt gratitude to his Excellency GNASSINGBE Eyadema, President of the Republic of Togo for the opportunity to hold the Extraordinary General Assembly of ARMFA.

We wish to commend him for his openness and his concern for the rapid and coherent development of road infrastructure in Africa, since roads remain the anchor and the determining factor in the economic integration of the continent.

Together with the various donors and international development institutions, particularly the World Bank, SSATP, the European Union and the French Development Agency, participants at the Extraordinary General Assembly of ARMFA hereby wish to express their sincere thanks to his Excellency for having made it possible to hold this conference which has enabled us to make significant progress, especially with regards to the election of the Executive Board of the Association of African Road Maintenance Fund, a key ingredient for the success of its programme of activities.

I thank you.

Done in Lome, 23rd April 2004.