

CLOSING SPEECH BY THE MINISTER OF EQUIPMENT
MINES, POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Excellencies,
Honourable Ministers,
Representatives of SSATP (World Bank) and ISTED,
Honourable Members of the National Assembly,
Traditional Chiefs,
Presidents of AGEPAR and SYSTRAS,
Members of the Executive Bureau of ARMFA,
Dear participants,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to read this speech to you on behalf of the Minister who is unable to attend this session.

The proceedings of the Extraordinary General Assembly of the African Roads Management Association (ARMFA) are ending today Friday, April 23rd, 2004.

We hope the deliberations were held in a cordial and friendly atmosphere for, when professionals in the same sector meet, there is no doubt they can only make positive contributions.

The concern of African leaders is to tap from your experiences as competent executives to build and ensure a brighter future for our continent.

The appropriate rules and provisions which you have made during this Lomé session, to consolidate the outcomes of your fruitful exchanges and good governance and your institution are in line with the strong desire of the Head of State, General GNASSINGBE Eyadéma and his Government for the development of African institutions.

For hours, you exchanged, listened, discussed, analysed and made decisions to re-confirm the objectives of ARMFA.

The well-prepared programme of activities, which you have drawn, clearly shows your ambition for the Organisation.

This is why I invite you to create a positive synergy within your Association for the success of the ideals of this Africa, which is progressing in a world, which has made communication a development label.

To members of the new Bureau, I say congratulations.

Let me now express to you the compliments of the Government of TOGO for electing one of its executives as President of ARMFA. He is one of you and we have no doubt about his ability to successfully steer the structure. TOGO is behind him in this new mission and will spare no effort to help him obtain the results expected of him by your institution.

Finally, I wish to thank: SSATP, the World Bank, ADB and AGEPAR, our partners.

I also wish to thank the various speakers, the Moderators and all participants.

To those who will be leaving soon, I wish a safe journey back home and to those who will be leaving later, a happy stay in Togo.

On this note, I declare the proceedings of the Extraordinary General Assembly of the African Roads Maintenance Association (ARMFA) closed.

I thank you.