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Covid-19

In March 2020, the spread of the disease resulting from the new coronavirus (Covid-19) was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, which significantly affected the world and Angolan economies, with particular emphasis on the continuation of the economic recession.

With regard to the public health pandemic associated with the new Covid-19 virus, the Board of Directors of the Bank has defined a Contingency Plan aimed at preventing and mitigating the risks associated with the spread of the virus, which determines the adoption of measures that allow: securing the life and health of employees and their safety conditions through the provision of preventive information and adequate means of protection, maintaining essential services in operation, ensuring the operability and functioning of infrastructures and assessing the equity impacts on the value of assets, which were duly recorded in the Bank's financial statements as at 31 December 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Bank is considered to have the required resources to continue operations and business for the foreseeable future. The assessment is based on a broad range of information relating to current and future conditions. However, the Covid-19 pandemic has introduced an increased level of uncertainty and the need to consider the impact on operations, profitability, capital and liquidity.

On this date, the pandemic is still ongoing in Angola and worldwide and its evolution and constraints caused by the pandemic control measures adopted by the Angolan State and the other countries worldwide may significantly affect the Angolan economy and, consequently, the achievement of the main accounting estimates and projections considered by the Board of Directors in the preparation of the Bank's individual financial statements (Note 3). Therefore, the realisation of the Bank's assets over the next few years at their balance sheet values as at 31 December 2021 may be influenced by the development of the Angolan economy and the success of its future operations.

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Events after the reporting period

Rating

In January 2022, the Fitch rating agency revised upwards the debt rating of the Republic of Angola, improving the external rating from CCC to B3. According to the published note, reference is made to the positive impacts on the macroeconomic climate associated with the increase in oil prices and improved tax management.

The Bank is monitoring the potential impacts of this revision, and a detailed analysis is being carried out to reliably estimate the referred impacts to be recognised in the financial statements during the first half of 2022.

Invasion of Ukraine

In February 2022, the Russian Federation invaded Ukraine which resulted in the enforcement of sanctions, at international level, directed at the Russian Federation and Belarus, as well as certain entities related to these countries. At this date, to the best of the Board of Directors' knowledge, there are no direct or indirect exposures to Ukraine, Russia and Belarus that could affect the Bank's financial statements. The Board of Directors believes that given that events are evolving on a daily basis, future negative impacts may occur on the world economy and financial system, as well as on the evolution of the Angolan economy and its financial system, in particular. Consequently, there could be possible future impacts on the main accounting estimates used by the Board of Directors in the preparation of the Bank's individual financial statements, which are disclosed in Note 3 of the Notes to the financial statements.

NOTE 44

Note added for translation

These financial statements are a free translation of the financial statements originally issued in Portuguese. In the event of discrepancies, the Portuguese language prevails.