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José Amado da Silva **Chairman of ANACOM's Board of Directors**

The chairman of ANACOM's Board of Directors, José Amado da Silva, opened the conference on "Regulating Convergence - Converging Regulation" by stressing the high expectations underlying the subject, especially in respect of the concept of convergence itself, the challenges for regulators and the industry and the responses that could be offered.

Recalling a previous conference of the OECD, in which it was considered essential that the focus of the discussion should not be on how to regulate convergence but rather on how regulation should adapt itself to convergence, José Amado da Silva affirmed that convergence was not a destination but a journey. The chairman of ANACOM went on to say that it would be interesting to hear the United States set out its vision on the subject, given that it may not be in line with the European view, but that it wasn't possible for the American regulator (FCC) to be present.

Finally, he recalled that this Authority had recently organised a workshop on mobile television, a subject that is itself an expression of convergence, even though the specificity of certain content could constitute a barrier to that same convergence.