

Dividend Distribution Policy for 2013 and Beyond

Principles regarding the Bank's dividend distribution are set out in detail in the Bank's Articles of Association. In this respect, shareholders taking into consideration the Bank's growth targets as well as its financing requirements and the opinion of the Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency (BRSA), are authorised to pass resolutions on whether the dividend distribution shall be in cash or in the form of capital increase, whereupon bonus shares will be issued to shareholders or if part of the distribution shall be in cash and part in the form of capital increase.

At the Annual Shareholders' Meeting, in accordance with the Articles of Association, shareholders may make the decision to transfer a portion or all of the distributable profit to retained earnings or extraordinary reserves.

It is envisaged that the Dividend Distribution Policy of the Bank will be set out in a way to ensure the realisation of long-term growth plans. This policy is subject to revision by the Board of Directors whenever necessary, taking into consideration the domestic and international economic conditions and the projects and funds on the agenda.