CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

(All amounts in Renminbi ("RMB") millions, except per share data)

	Note	Year ended 31 December	
		2019	2018
			Note
Revenue	6	290,515	290,877
Interconnection charges		(11,513)	(12,579
Depreciation and amortisation	2	(83,080)	(75,777
Network, operation and support expenses	2, 7	(43,236)	(55,077
Employee benefit expenses	8	(50,516)	(48,143
Costs of telecommunications products sold	9	(26,412)	(27,604
Other operating expenses	2, 10	(64,480)	(62,561)
Finance costs	2, 11	(2,123)	(1,625
Interest income		1,272	1,712
Share of net profit of associates		1,359	2,477
Share of net profit of joint ventures		646	598
Other income — net		1,735	783
Profit before income tax		14,167	13,081
Income tax expenses	13	(2,795)	(2,824
Profit for the year	2	11,372	10,257
Profit attributable to:			
Equity shareholders of the Company		11,330	10,197
Non-controlling interests		42	60
Earnings per share for profit attributable to equity shareholders of			
the Company during the year:			
Basic earnings per share (RMB)	14	0.37	0.33
Diluted earnings per share (RMB)	14	0.37	0.33

Note: The Group has initially applied IFRS/HKFRS 16 at 1 January 2019 using the modified retrospective approach. Under this approach, comparative information is not restated. See Note 2.

Details of dividends attributable to equity shareholders of the Company for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018 are set out in Note 33.

The notes on pages 102 to 197 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.