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Named, last March, by the UNESCO Director General as Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information Sector, Mr. Moez Chakchouk, ex-commissioner at the Global Commission on Internet Governance (2014-2016), CEO of the Tunisian Internet Agency (2011-2015), and CEO, since 2015, of the Tunisian Post, received, on Monday June 4th, Pr. Jamal Eddine Naji, Orbicom President and Director General of the High Authority for Audiovisual Communication.

Mr. Chakchouk started this meeting by expressing his personal admiration for the achievements and reputation of the High Authority that he has been following since he was in charge of the Tunisian Post and telecommunications and after he inquired into its privileged relations with the Independent High Authority for Audiovisual Communication (HAICA) in Tunisia. Mr. Chakchouk also took part, with some Moroccan Colleagues, of some common projects in favor of Morocco.

On his part, Mr. Naji listed, for almost an hour and before Ms. Sylvie Coudray, Chief of Section for

Freedom of Expression in the Division of Freedom of Expression and Media Development, the history of Orbicom that was created in 1994 by jointly the UNESCO and the UQAM University in Montreal. This initiative was supported by Mr. Federico Mayor, former Director-General of UNESCO, Mr. Alain Modoux (Founding Father of May 3rd, the World Press Freedom Day), predecessor of Mr. Chakchouk, Ms. Thérèse Paquet-Sévigny (Former communication official for the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. U-Thant).

Orbicom intends on celebrating its 25 years of existence in 2020, as it includes today 38 Chairs in communication, with various themes, and more than 200 associate members spread around the five continents. It should be noted that Orbicom conducted meetings, colloquiums and symposiums, on three occasions in Morocco since 2000 (in Rabat, Marrakech and Skhirat, in partnership with the HACA), at the initiative of Pr. Jamal Eddine Naji, founder of two Chairs of Orbicom in Morocco, for the years 1999 and 2006, within the *Institut Supérieur de l'information et de la Communication* in Rabat where he taught from 1984 to 2008.

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