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Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Telefónica, S.A.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Continued progress in high-value customers: LTE (2.5x), smartphones (+26%), fibre + VDSL (2.8x) and pay TV (1.5x).

Revenues (10,784 million euros) increased 3.4% organic vs. the first quarter of 2015 (-6.6% reported).

g Improvement in mobile data (+19.9% year-on-year organic), leveraged on non-SMS data (+28.8%).

OIBDA growth acceleration to 5.5% organic (3,376 million euros; -6.7% reported).

g Solid margin at 31.3% (+0.6% p.p. year-on-year organic); focus on synergies and cost rationalisation.

CapEx (+7.8% organic year-on-year) devoted to reinforcing leadership position in differential platforms.

g 32.1 million premises passed with fibre (+17% year-on-year); LTE coverage of 50%.

Operating cash flow (OIBDA-CapEx) accelerated its growth rate (+3.6% organic).

Net income reached 776 million euros and stood at 0.14 euros per share.

Solid liquidity position (19.9 billion euros, following April bond issue), covering all maturities until December 2017 not including expected cash generation.

Telefónica reiterates the guidance for 2016 and the dividend.

T. **España** delivered simultaneous revenue and OIBDA growth for the first time since the third quarter of 2008 (+0.2% and +2.0% organic, respectively), on the back of strong value customers growth (fibre, TV and 4G), which continued underpinned by a differential quality offering, along with the Company transformation efficiencies, which allowed for operating cash flow year-on-year stabilization (-0.5% organic vs. -7.5% in previous quarter) despite higher CapEx.

T. **Brasil** s OIBDA growth accelerated to 8.2% year-on-year organic and OIBDA margin expanded 2.3 p.p. to 33.1%, reflecting the capture of integration synergies and efficiency measures.

In **Germany**, OIBDA advanced steadily (+6.2% year-on-year excluding extraordinary impacts) following the progress made in integration projects and after executing successfully the Company data monetisation strategy.

T. **Hispanoamérica** increased commercial momentum in high-value customers translated into organic revenue growth acceleration to 11.3% year-on-year.

T. **UK**, reported as discontinued operation, experienced a strong operating cash-flow growth in organic terms (+16.0%), resulting from robust OIBDA performance (+5.5% year-on-year organic). Commercially, the Company continued to expand its high-value customer base, while maintaining the best contract churn in the market, reflecting the high satisfaction level of the client base.

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Comments from José María Álvarez-Pallete, Executive Chairman:

In a context of intense technological disruption and transformation around digitalisation, our first quarter results reflected a strengthening of the business across the board and the capacity of our platforms (networks and infrastructure), which is enabling us to reach more customers with higher value products and services.

This was all reflected in the improved quality of our customer base, with average revenue per access increasing by 5.2%, which is the main source of organic revenue growth.

This growth accelerated at OIBDA level, as a result of efficiencies and operational leverage. Particularly noteworthy this quarter is the return to OIBDA growth in Spain, growing for the first time in 8 years simultaneously with revenues. Additionally, OIBDA growth has been achieved across all the businesses.

On the other hand, the performance of main financials (revenues, OIBDA) in the quarter was strongly affected by the depreciation of exchange rates in 2015, although this impact was neutralised at a free cash flow generation level.

As a result, first quarter results are in line with our expectations for the year-end and enable us to reiterate our guidance and the 0.75 euros per share dividend for 2016.

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SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

Unaudited figures (Euros in millions)

	January - March 2016	% Chg Reported	Organic
Revenues	10,784	(6.6)	3.4
Telefónica España (1)	3,126	8.6	0.2
Telefónica Deutschland	1,858	(2.3)	(2.3)
Telefónica Brasil (2)	2,431	(13.0)	0.6
Telefónica Hispanoamérica	3,054	(16.7)	11.3
Other companies & eliminations	315	3.4	
OIBDA	3,376	(6.7)	5.5
Telefónica España (1)	1,266	(1.2)	2.0
Telefónica Deutschland	392	(3.8)	1.7
Telefónica Brasil (2)	805	(4.1)	8.2
Telefónica Hispanoamérica	866	(23.2)	0.8
Other companies & eliminations	47	c.s.	
OIBDA margin	31.3%	(0.0 p.p.)	0.6 p.p.
Telefónica España (1)	40.5%	(4.0 p.p.)	0.7 p.p.
Telefónica Deutschland	21.1%	(0.3 p.p.)	0.9 p.p.
Telefónica Brasil (2)	33.1%	3.0 p.p.	2.3 p.p.
Telefónica Hispanoamérica	28.3%	(2.4 p.p.)	(2.9 p.p.)
Operating Income (OI)	1,340	(11.3)	11.4
Net income	776	(56.9)	
Basic earnings per share (euros)	0.14	(60.9)	
Basic earnings per share from continuing operations (euros)	0.07	(27.8)	
CapEx	1,503	(10.6)	7.8
Telefónica España (1)	427	3.2	7.3
Telefónica Deutschland	220	(0.5)	(1.2)
Telefónica Brasil (2)	348	(11.9)	(12.6)
Telefónica Hispanoamérica	459	(26.1)	31.1
Other companies & eliminations	49	60.8	
Spectrum	2	(99.1)	(99.1)
Telefónica España (1)			

Telefónica Deutschland		2	
Telefónica Brasil (2)			
Telefónica Hispanoamérica			
OpCF (OIBDA-CapEx)	1,873	(3.3)	3.6
Telefónica España (1)	840	(3.3)	(0.5)
Telefónica Deutschland	173	(7.8)	5.1
Telefónica Brasil (2)	457	2.8	32.1
Telefónica Hispanoamérica	406	(19.6)	(21.6)
Other companies & eliminations	(2)	(96.5)	

Reconciliation included in the excel spreadsheets.

Notes:

- 2015 and 2016 reported figures include hyperinflationary adjustments in Venezuela in both years.
 - The January-March 2016 consolidated financial information uses the exchange rate of the Venezuelan bolivar set at the denominated DICOM (273 Venezuelan bolivars fuertes per dollar at 31 March 2016).
 - From the first quarter of 2015 Telefónica UK's operations are reported as discontinued operations within the Telefónica Group and their assets and liabilities are classified as held for sale, in compliance with the IFRS, as a result of the signing of the definitive sale agreement of the company in March 2015.
 - Organic criteria: Assumes constant exchange rates as of 2015 (average FX in 2015) and considers constant perimeter of consolidation. In OIBDA and OI terms, excludes write-downs, capital gains/losses from the sale of companies, tower sales, material non-recurring impacts and restructuring costs. CapEx also excludes investment in spectrum.
 - OIBDA and OI are presented before brand fees and management fees.
 - OIBDA margin calculated as OIBDA over revenues.
- (1) DTS has been consolidated since 1 May 2015.
- (2) GVT has been consolidated since 1 May 2015.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Telefónica, S.A.

Date: April 29, 2016

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