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CHINA MOBILE LIMITED

中國移動有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance)

(Stock Code: 941)

**CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS
AND ANNOUNCEMENT IN RELATION TO THE WITHHOLDING AND
PAYMENT OF ENTERPRISE INCOME TAX FOR
NON-RESIDENT ENTERPRISES IN RESPECT OF THE PROPOSED 2016
FINAL DIVIDEND**

Reference is made to the 2016 annual results announcement of China Mobile Limited (the “**Company**”) published on 23 March 2017. The board of directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) proposed to pay a final dividend of HK\$1.243 per share for the financial year ended 31 December 2016 (the “**2016 Final Dividend**”). The 2016 Final Dividend is subject to shareholders’ approval at the annual general meeting of the Company to be held on Thursday, 25 May 2017 (the “**2017 AGM**”). The notice of the 2017 AGM, the accompanying circular and the proxy form will be despatched to shareholders in accordance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

This announcement constitutes a notice pursuant to section 632 of the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Closure of Register of Members

Notice is hereby given that the register of members of the Company will be closed during the following periods:

- i. from Friday, 19 May 2017 to Thursday, 25 May 2017 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of ascertaining shareholders’ entitlement to attend and vote at the 2017 AGM. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the 2017 AGM, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company’s share registrar, Hong Kong Registrars Limited, at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 18 May 2017; and

- ii. from Tuesday, 6 June 2017 to Thursday, 8 June 2017 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of ascertaining shareholders' entitlement to the 2016 Final Dividend. In order to qualify for the 2016 Final Dividend, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Hong Kong Registrars Limited, at Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 5 June 2017.

Subject to the approval by shareholders at the 2017 AGM, the 2016 Final Dividend will be paid on or about Wednesday, 28 June 2017 to those shareholders on the register of members on Thursday, 8 June 2017 (the “**Record Date**”).

Withholding and Payment of Enterprise Income Tax For Non-Resident Enterprise in Respect of the 2016 Final Dividend

Pursuant to the “Enterprise Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China” (the “**Enterprise Income Tax Law**”), the “Detailed Rules for the Implementation of the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China” and the “Notice regarding Matters on Determination of Tax Residence Status of Chinese-controlled Offshore Incorporated Enterprises under Rules of Effective Management”, the Company is required to withhold and pay 10 per cent. enterprise income tax on the distribution of the 2016 Final Dividend to its non-resident enterprise shareholders. The withholding and payment obligation lies with the Company. In respect of all shareholders whose names appear on the Company's register of members as at the Record Date who are not individuals (including HKSCC Nominees Limited (“**HKSCC**”), corporate nominees or trustees such as securities companies and banks, and other entities or organizations, which are all considered as non-resident enterprise shareholders), the Company will distribute the 2016 Final Dividend after deducting enterprise income tax of 10 per cent.. The Company will not withhold and pay the income tax in respect of the 2016 Final Dividend payable to any natural person shareholders whose names appear on the Company's register of members as at the Record Date. Investors who invest in the shares in the Company listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited through the Shanghai Stock Exchange or the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect or Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect investors) are investors who hold shares through HKSCC and in accordance with the above requirements, the Company will pay to HKSCC the amount of the 2016 Final Dividend after withholding for payment the 10 per cent. enterprise income tax.

If any resident enterprise (as defined in the Enterprise Income Tax Law) listed on the Company's register of members which is duly incorporated in the PRC or under the laws of a foreign country (or a region) but with a PRC-based de facto management body, does not desire to have the Company withhold and pay the said 10 per cent. enterprise income tax, it shall lodge with Hong Kong Registrars Limited documents from its governing tax authority confirming that the Company is not required to withhold and pay enterprise income tax in respect of the dividend to which it is entitled at or before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 5 June 2017.

Investors should read this announcement carefully. If anyone would like to change the identity of the holders in the register of members, please enquire about the relevant procedures with the nominees or trustees. The Company will withhold for payment of the enterprise income tax for its non-resident enterprise shareholders strictly in accordance with the relevant laws and requirements of the relevant government departments and adhere strictly to the information set out in the Company's register of members on the Record Date. The Company assumes no liability whatsoever in respect of and will not entertain any claims arising from any delay in, or inaccurate determination of, the status of the shareholders or any disputes over the mechanism of withholding.

By Order of the Board
China Mobile Limited
Wong Wai Lan, Grace
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 23 March 2017

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises Mr. Shang Bing, Mr. Li Yue, Mr. Liu Aili, Mr. Sha Yuejia and Mr. Dong Xin as executive directors and Mr. Frank Wong Kwong Shing, Dr. Moses Cheng Mo Chi, Mr. Paul Chow Man Yiu and Mr. Stephen Yiu Kin Wah as independent non-executive directors.