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## China Telecom Corporation Limited

### 中国电信股份有限公司

*(A joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 728)**

#### ELECTION OF MEANS OF RECEIPT AND LANGUAGE OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATION

The Company hereby announces that, pursuant to Rules 2.07A and 2.07B of the Listing Rules and the articles of association of the Company, arrangements have been made to ascertain the preferences of the Shareholders with respect to their choice of means of receipt and language of the Company's future Corporate Communication.

#### INTRODUCTION

In order to protect the environment and save costs, China Telecom Corporation Limited (the "Company") is making the arrangements described below to ascertain the Shareholders' preferences as to the choice of means of receipt (in printed form or by electronic means) and language (in English only, in Chinese only or in both English and Chinese) of the Company's future Corporate Communication.

#### PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS

In accordance with Rules 2.07A and 2.07B of the Listing Rules and the articles of association of the Company, the following arrangements will be made by the Company:

1. A letter of request (the "**First Letter**") dated 6 January 2014 together with a pre-paid reply form (the "**Reply Form**"), in both English and Chinese versions, have been sent by the Company to the Shareholders to enable them to elect any one of the following options for receipt of the Corporate Communication:
  - (1) to read future Corporate Communication published on the Company's website at [www.chinatelecom-h.com](http://www.chinatelecom-h.com) and the Stock Exchange's website at [www.hkexnews.hk](http://www.hkexnews.hk) ("**Website Version**") in place of receiving printed copies, and receive printed notification of the publication of Corporate Communication on websites; or
  - (2) to receive the printed English version of all future Corporate Communication only; or

- (3) to receive the printed Chinese version of all future Corporate Communication only; or
- (4) to receive both the printed English and Chinese versions of all future Corporate Communication.

The Reply Form should be completed, signed and returned by post using the mailing label at the bottom of the Reply Form (a stamp is not needed if posted in Hong Kong) or by hand delivery to the Company c/o the Company's H Share Registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

- 2. The First Letter explains that if the Company does not receive the duly completed Reply Form nor receive a response indicating any objection from its Shareholders by 6 February 2014, such Shareholders will be deemed to have consented to Website Version of all future Corporate Communication only and a notification of the publication of Corporate Communication will be sent to them by post when the relevant Corporate Communication is published on websites.
- 3. With respect to Shareholders who choose to receive the Corporate Communication in printed form, the Company will send the selected language version of the Corporate Communication to those Shareholders who have made an election unless and until they notify the Company c/o Company's H Share Registrar in writing or sending an email to [chinatelecom.ecom@computershare.com.hk](mailto:chinatelecom.ecom@computershare.com.hk) that they wish to receive the Corporate Communication in the other (or both) language(s), or by electronic means (through the websites).
- 4. When each of the printed Corporate Communication (either English version or Chinese version only) is sent out in accordance with the arrangements described above, a notification letter (the "**Second Letter**") together with a pre-paid request form (a stamp is not needed if posted in Hong Kong) (the "**Request Form**"), in both English and Chinese versions, will be attached to the Corporate Communication stating that the Corporate Communication prepared in the other language will be available upon request.
- 5. With respect to Shareholders who have chosen (or are deemed to have consented) to receive all Corporate Communication using electronic means, the Second Letter together with the Request Form will be sent to such Shareholders by post as and when any Corporate Communication is published on the Company's website and the Stock Exchange's website.
- 6. Shareholders shall have the right at any time by reasonable notice in writing or by sending email to [chinatelecom.ecom@computershare.com.hk](mailto:chinatelecom.ecom@computershare.com.hk) specifying their name, address and request to the Company c/o the Company's H Share Registrar, to change the choice of language or means of receipt of the Corporate Communication. Even if a Shareholder has chosen (or is deemed to have consented) to receive all future Corporate Communication using electronic means but for any reason have difficulty in receiving or gaining access to the Corporate Communication, the Company will promptly upon request send the Corporate Communication to this Shareholder in printed form free of charge.
- 7. Each of the Corporate Communication in both English and Chinese versions and in an accessible format will be available on the Company's website at [www.chinatelecom-h.com](http://www.chinatelecom-h.com) and the Stock Exchange's website at [www.hkexnews.hk](http://www.hkexnews.hk).
- 8. The Company is providing a hotline service (Tel: (852) 2862 8688) during business hours from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays to enable Shareholders to make enquiry of the Company's proposed arrangements set out above.

## **PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT AND ELECTION OF SHAREHOLDERS MADE PURSUANT TO THE PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT**

The arrangements set out in this announcement will supersede the arrangements made by the Company on election of means of receipt and language of Corporate Communications as set out in the Previous Announcement.

**Shareholders are requested to elect again their choice of means of receipt and language of Corporate Communications as their previous election will be superseded by the new arrangements set out above.**

### **DEFINITIONS**

In this announcement, the following expressions have the meanings set out below unless the context requires otherwise:

“Corporate Communication”	Any document issued or to be issued by the Company for the information or action of holders of any of its securities, including but not limited to (a) the directors’ report, its annual accounts together with a copy of the auditors’ report and, where applicable, its summary financial report; (b) the interim report and, where applicable, its summary interim report; (c) a notice of meeting; (d) a listing document; (e) a circular; and (f) a proxy form
“H Share Registrar”	Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong
“Listing Rules”	The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“Previous Announcement”	The announcement made by the Company on 12 February 2010 relating to the arrangements made by the Company on election of means of receipt and language of corporate communication
“Shareholder(s)”	Holder(s) of the H shares of the Company
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

By Order of the Board  
**China Telecom Corporation Limited**  
**Yung Shun Loy, Jacky**  
*Company Secretary*

Beijing, PRC, 6 January 2014

As at the date of this announcement, the Board consists of Mr. Wang Xiaochu as the chairman and chief executive officer, Mr. Yang Jie as the president and chief operating officer, Madam Wu Andi as the executive vice president and chief financial officer, Mr. Zhang Jiping, Mr. Yang Xiaowei, Mr. Sun Kangmin and Mr. Ke Ruiwen as the executive vice presidents, Mr. Xie Liang as the non-executive director and Mr. Wu Jichuan, Mr. Qin Xiao, Mr. Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius, Madam Cha May Lung, Laura and Mr. Xu Erming as the independent non-executive directors.