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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)

RESIGNATION OF EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND WITHDRAWAL OF ORDINARY RESOLUTION NUMBERED 4.5 IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN RELATION TO THE ELECTION OF HIM AS A DIRECTOR

The board of Directors (the "Board") of China Telecom Corporation Limited (the "Company") announces that due to personal reason, Mr. Zhen Caiji has resigned from his position as an Executive Vice President of the Company with effect from 22 May 2017. Mr. Zhen has confirmed that he has no disagreement with the Board and there are no any other matters in relation to his resignation that should be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

In light of the above circumstances, the Board has resolved to withdraw the nomination of Mr. Zhen Caiji for election as a member of the sixth session of the Board. As a result, the ordinary resolution numbered 4.5 in relation to the election of Mr. Zhen Caiji as a director of the Company as set out in the circular in respect of, among other things, the proposed election of directors, the notice of annual general meeting ("Notice of AGM") and the form of proxy published by the Company on 6 April 2017 will be withdrawn and the aforesaid resolution will not be put forward for voting at the annual general meeting ("AGM") of the Company to be held on 23 May 2017. All other resolutions contained in the Notice of AGM and the form of proxy shall continue to be proposed at the AGM. The date, time and venue for holding the AGM remain unchanged.

Those forms of proxy already lodged by shareholders remain valid except that no poll will be conducted or counted for the ordinary resolution numbered 4.5.

By Order of the Board
China Telecom Corporation Limited
Ke Ruiwen Wong Yuk Har
Joint Company Secretaries

Beijing, PRC, 22 May 2017

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company consists of Mr. Yang Jie (as the chairman and chief executive officer); Mr. Yang Xiaowei (as the president and chief operating officer), Mr. Ke Ruiwen and Mr. Sun Kangmin (all as the executive vice presidents); Mr. Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius, Madam Cha May Lung, Laura, Mr. Xu Erming and Madam Wang Hsuehming (all as the independent non-executive directors).