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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)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual general meeting of China Telecom Corporation Limited (the “Company”) for the year 2016 will be held at 11:00 a.m. on 23 May 2017 at Ballrooms B & C, Level 5, Island Shangri-La, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:

ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

1. **THAT** the consolidated financial statements of the Company, the report of the Board of Directors, the report of the Supervisory Committee and the report of the international auditor for the year ended 31 December 2016 be considered and approved, and the Board of Directors be authorised to prepare the budget of the Company for the year 2017.
2. **THAT** the profit distribution proposal and the declaration and payment of a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2016 be considered and approved.
3. **THAT** the re-appointment of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu and Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Certified Public Accountants LLP as the international auditor and domestic auditor of the Company respectively for the year ending on 31 December 2017 be considered and approved, and the Board be authorised to fix the remuneration of the auditors.

4. To consider and approve, by way of separate ordinary resolutions, each of the following resolutions in relation to the election of the members of the sixth session of the Board of Directors of the Company:

4.1 **THAT** the re-election of Yang Jie as a Director of the Company be and is hereby considered and approved, and shall take effect from the date of this resolution for a term of three years until the annual general meeting of the Company for the year 2019 to be held in the year 2020; **THAT** any Director of the Company be and is hereby authorised to sign on behalf of the Company the Director's service contract with Yang Jie; and **THAT** the Board be and is hereby authorised to determine his remuneration.

4.2 **THAT** the re-election of Yang Xiaowei as a Director of the Company be and is hereby considered and approved, and shall take effect from the date of this resolution for a term of three years until the annual general meeting of the Company for the year 2019 to be held in the year 2020; **THAT** any Director of the Company be and is hereby authorised to sign on behalf of the Company the Director's service contract with Yang Xiaowei; and **THAT** the Board be and is hereby authorised to determine his remuneration.

4.3 **THAT** the re-election of Ke Ruiwen as a Director of the Company be and is hereby considered and approved, and shall take effect from the date of this resolution for a term of three years until the annual general meeting of the Company for the year 2019 to be held in the year 2020; **THAT** any Director of the Company be and is hereby authorised to sign on behalf of the Company the Director's service contract with Ke Ruiwen; and **THAT** the Board be and is hereby authorised to determine his remuneration.

4.4 **THAT** the re-election of Sun Kangmin as a Director of the Company be and is hereby considered and approved, and shall take effect from the date of this resolution for a term of three years until the annual general meeting of the Company for the year 2019 to be held in the year 2020; **THAT** any Director of the Company be and is hereby authorised to sign on behalf of the Company the Director's service contract with Sun Kangmin; and **THAT** the Board be and is hereby authorised to determine his remuneration.

- 4.5 **THAT** the election of Zhen Caiji as a Director of the Company be and is hereby considered and approved, and shall take effect from the date of this resolution for a term of three years until the annual general meeting of the Company for the year 2019 to be held in the year 2020; **THAT** any Director of the Company be and is hereby authorised to sign on behalf of the Company the Director's service contract with Zhen Caiji; and **THAT** the Board be and is hereby authorised to determine his remuneration.
- 4.6 **THAT** the election of Gao Tongqing as a Director of the Company be and is hereby considered and approved, and shall take effect from the date of this resolution for a term of three years until the annual general meeting of the Company for the year 2019 to be held in the year 2020; **THAT** any Director of the Company be and is hereby authorised to sign on behalf of the Company the Director's service contract with Gao Tongqing; and **THAT** the Board be and is hereby authorised to determine his remuneration.
- 4.7 **THAT** the election of Chen Zhongyue as a Director of the Company be and is hereby considered and approved, and shall take effect from the date of this resolution for a term of three years until the annual general meeting of the Company for the year 2019 to be held in the year 2020; **THAT** any Director of the Company be and is hereby authorised to sign on behalf of the Company the Director's service contract with Chen Zhongyue; and **THAT** the Board be and is hereby authorised to determine his remuneration.
- 4.8 **THAT** the election of Chen Shengguang as a Director of the Company be and is hereby considered and approved, and shall take effect from the date of this resolution for a term of three years until the annual general meeting of the Company for the year 2019 to be held in the year 2020; **THAT** any Director of the Company be and is hereby authorised to sign on behalf of the Company the Director's service contract with Chen Shengguang; and **THAT** the Board be and is hereby authorised to determine his remuneration.
- 4.9 **THAT** the re-election of Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius as an Independent Director of the Company be and is hereby considered and approved, and shall take effect from the date of this resolution for a term of three years until the annual general meeting of the Company for the year 2019 to be held in the year 2020; **THAT** any Director of the Company be and is hereby authorised to sign on behalf of the Company the Director's service contract with Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius; and **THAT** the Board be and is hereby authorised to determine his remuneration.

4.10 **THAT** the re-election of Cha May Lung, Laura as an Independent Director of the Company be and is hereby considered and approved, and shall take effect from the date of this resolution for a term of three years until the annual general meeting of the Company for the year 2019 to be held in the year 2020; **THAT** any Director of the Company be and is hereby authorised to sign on behalf of the Company the Director's service contract with Cha May Lung, Laura; and **THAT** the Board be and is hereby authorised to determine her remuneration.

4.11 **THAT** the re-election of Xu Erming as an Independent Director of the Company be and is hereby considered and approved, and shall take effect from the date of this resolution for a term of three years until the annual general meeting of the Company for the year 2019 to be held in the year 2020; **THAT** any Director of the Company be and is hereby authorised to sign on behalf of the Company the Director's service contract with Xu Erming; and **THAT** the Board be and is hereby authorised to determine his remuneration.

4.12 **THAT** the re-election of Wang Hsuehming as an Independent Director of the Company be and is hereby considered and approved, and shall take effect from the date of this resolution for a term of three years until the annual general meeting of the Company for the year 2019 to be held in the year 2020; **THAT** any Director of the Company be and is hereby authorised to sign on behalf of the Company the Director's service contract with Wang Hsuehming; and **THAT** the Board be and is hereby authorised to determine her remuneration.

5. To consider and approve, by way of separate ordinary resolutions, each of the following resolutions in relation to the election of the members of the sixth session of the Supervisory Committee of the Company:

5.1 **THAT** the re-election of Sui Yixun as a Supervisor of the Company be and is hereby considered and approved, and shall take effect from the date of this resolution for a term of three years until the annual general meeting of the Company for the year 2019 to be held in year 2020; **THAT** any Director of the Company be and is hereby authorised to sign on behalf of the Company the Supervisor's service contract with Sui Yixun, and **THAT** the Supervisory Committee be and is hereby authorised to determine his remuneration.

5.2 **THAT** the re-election of Hu Jing as a Supervisor of the Company be and is hereby considered and approved, and shall take effect from the date of this resolution for a term of three years until the annual general meeting of the Company for the year 2019 to be held in year 2020; **THAT** any Director of the Company be and is hereby authorised to sign on behalf of the Company the Supervisor’s service contract with Hu Jing, and **THAT** the Supervisory Committee be and is hereby authorised to determine his remuneration.

5.3 **THAT** the re-election of Ye Zhong as a Supervisor of the Company be and is hereby considered and approved, and shall take effect from the date of this resolution for a term of three years until the annual general meeting of the Company for the year 2019 to be held in year 2020; **THAT** any Director of the Company be and is hereby authorised to sign on behalf of the Company the Supervisor’s service contract with Ye Zhong, and **THAT** the Supervisory Committee be and is hereby authorised to determine his remuneration.

and to consider and approve other businesses (if any).

And as special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following as special resolutions:

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

6. **THAT** the articles of association of the Company (the “Articles of Association”) be and are hereby amended as follows:

6.1 In Article 1 of the Articles of Association, substituting “The Company’s business licence number is: 1000001003712” with “The Company’s unified social credit code is: 9111000071093019X7”.

6.2 Delete the content of Article 13 of the Articles of Association and replace it with the following:

“Article 13 The Company’s scope of business shall be consistent with and subject to the scope of business approved by the authority responsible for the registration of the Company.

Basic telecommunications businesses include:

Engage in second generation 800MHz CDMA digital cellular mobile communications business, third generation CDMA2000 digital cellular mobile communications business and the LTE/4G digital cellular mobile communications business (TD-LTE/LTE FDD) in the People's Republic of China.

Engage in local fixed telephone business (including local wireless ring circuit business), domestic fixed long-distance telephone business, international fixed long-distance telephone business, IP telephone (limited to Phone-to-Phone telephone service) business, satellite international private line business, Internet data transfer business, international data communications business, public telegraph and subscriber telegraph business, 26GHz wireless access business, and domestic communications facilities servicing business in the 21 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions of Beijing, Shanghai, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui, Fujian, Jiangxi, Hubei, Hunan, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan, Chongqing, Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan, Shaanxi, Gansu, Qinghai, Ningxia and Xinjiang.

Engage in 3.5GHz wireless access business in Nanjing, Hefei, Kunming, Hubei, Hunan, Hainan, Sichuan, Guizhou and Gansu.

Value-added telecommunications businesses include:

Engage in domestic Very Small Aperture Terminal communications business, domestic fixed data transfer business, Customer Premises Network (CPN) business, network hosting business (by reference to value-added telecommunications business management) under Type 2 basic telecommunications businesses in the 21 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions of Beijing, Shanghai, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui, Fujian, Jiangxi, Hubei, Hunan, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan, Chongqing, Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan, Shaanxi, Gansu, Qinghai, Ningxia and Xinjiang; Internet data centre business, domestic Internet virtual private network business, Internet access services business under Type 1 value-added telecommunications businesses; online data processing and transaction processing business, storage and forwarding business, domestic call centre business, information services business and wireless data transmission business under Type 2 value-added telecommunications businesses; engage in information services business under Type 2 value-added telecommunications businesses (limited to mobile information services) in the 10 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions of Tianjin, Hebei, Shanxi, Inner Mongolia, Liaoning, Jilin, Heilongjiang, Shandong, Henan and Tibet.

IPTV transmission services: provide signal transmission and the relevant technical support between the IPTV integrated broadcast and control platforms and TV user terminals; the transmission network is built upon the fixed telecommunications network (including the Internet) to set up networks which are exclusive for the transmission of IPTV signals; the IPTV transmission services are conducted in defined territories.

Internet mapping services.

Engage in music entertainment products, gaming products (including the issuance of online game virtual currency), art, drama performances (programs), shows, and animation products through information network; and undertake the exhibitions and competition campaigns in relation to the network culture products.

General businesses include:

Engage in system integration, technology development, technical services, technology consulting, information consulting, the manufacture, sale, installation, design and construction of equipment, computer hardware and software in connection with communications and information businesses; leasing of properties, leasing of communications facilities; design, construction and repair of safety technologies and security systems; advertising.”

- 6.3 Authorise any Director of the Company to undertake actions in his opinion as necessary or appropriate, so as to complete the approval and/or registration or filing of the aforementioned amendments to the Articles of Association.
7. To consider and approve, by way of special resolutions, each of the following resolutions in relation to the granting of a general mandate to the Board of the Company to issue debentures:
 - 7.1 **THAT** the granting of a general mandate to the Board to issue debentures denominated in local or foreign currencies, in one or more tranches in the PRC and overseas, including but not limited to, super short-term commercial papers, short-term commercial papers, medium term notes, perpetual bonds, company bonds, convertible bonds, private placement notes, asset securitisation products and asset-backed notes (the “Debentures”), from the date of this meeting until the date on which the annual general meeting of the Company for the year 2017 is held, with a maximum aggregate outstanding repayment amount of up to RMB90 billion be and is hereby approved.

7.2 **THAT** the Board or any two or more directors of the Company (the “Directors”) duly authorised by the Board, taking into account the specific needs of the Company and market conditions, be and are hereby generally and unconditionally authorised to:

- (a) determine the specific terms and conditions of, and other matters relating to, the issue of debentures, including but not limited to, the determination of the type, amount, interest rate, term, rating, security, any repurchase or redemption provisions, any placing arrangements to shareholders, any options to adjust the nominal interest rates, the use of proceeds, the application of the quota of unissued company bonds to the issuance of other Debentures, as well as matters including securing approvals, engaging professional advisors, disseminating relevant application documents to the regulatory authorities, obtaining approvals from the regulatory authorities, executing all requisite legal documentation relating to the issue as requested by the regulatory authorities and making relevant disclosure;
- (b) do all such acts which are necessary and incidental to the issue of debentures (including, but not limited to, the securing of approvals, the determination of underwriting arrangements, preparation and dissemination of relevant application documents to the regulatory authorities, and the securing of approvals from the regulatory authorities); and
- (c) take all such steps which are necessary for the purposes of executing the issue of debentures (including, but not limited to, the execution of all requisite documentation and the disclosure of relevant information in accordance with applicable laws) and to the extent that any of the aforementioned acts and steps that have already been undertaken by the Board or the duly authorised Directors in connection with the issue of debentures, be and are hereby approved, confirmed and ratified.

7.3 **THAT** with respect to the Company’s issue of the aforementioned debentures denominated in local or foreign currencies with an aggregate amount of RMB90 billion, to do the centralised registration of super short-term commercial papers, short-term commercial papers, medium term notes and perpetual bonds in accordance with the registration rules published by National Association of Financial Market Institutional Investors.

8. To consider and approve, by way of special resolutions, each of the following resolutions in relation to the proposed issue of company bonds:

8.1 **THAT** with respect to the Company's issue of the aforementioned debentures denominated in local or foreign currencies with an aggregate amount of RMB90 billion, within which the issue of company bonds in the PRC in one or more tranches not exceeding RMB30 billion be and is hereby approved with:

- (a) Size of issue: Up to RMB30 billion.
- (b) Placing to shareholders: The company bonds will not be issued to existing shareholders on a preferred basis by way of placing.
- (c) Term: The company bonds will have a term not exceeding 10 years and may have one fixed term, or a mix of different terms, which will be determined in accordance with the market conditions and the Company's capital requirements.
- (d) Use of proceeds: The company bonds will be issued for purposes such as replenishing the general working capital of the Company.
- (e) Effective period: The resolution will be effective from the date on which this resolution is passed until the date on which the annual general meeting of the Company for the year 2017 is held.

8.2 **THAT** the Board or any two or more Directors of the Company duly authorised by the Board be and are hereby generally and unconditionally authorised to:

- (a) determine the type, specific terms and conditions of, and other matters relating to, the issue (including but not limited to, the determination of the type, amount, interest rate, term, rating, security, whether there will be repurchase or redemption provisions, whether there will be an option to adjust the nominal interest rate, the application of the quota of unissued company bonds to the issuance of other Debentures, specific arrangements relating to the use of proceeds within the scope approved by the shareholders in this meeting and all matters relating to the issue);

- (b) do all such acts which are necessary and incidental to the issue (including, but not limited to, the securing of approvals, engaging professional advisors, the determination of underwriting arrangements, preparation and dissemination of relevant application documents to the regulatory authorities, and the securing of approvals from the regulatory authorities);
- (c) take all such steps which are necessary for the purposes of executing the issue (including, but not limited to, the execution of all requisite documentation and the disclosure of relevant information in accordance with applicable laws), and to the extent that any of the above acts and steps that have already been undertaken by the Board or the Directors in connection with the issue, be and are hereby approved, confirmed and ratified;
- (d) if there are changes in the regulatory policies or market conditions, adjust the specific proposal relating to the issue and related matters in accordance with the opinion of the regulatory authorities; and
- (e) after completion of the issue, determine and approve matters relating to the listing of the relevant debentures.

9. **THAT:**

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the Board during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers be hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) shall authorise the Board during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the amount of additional domestic shares or overseas-listed foreign-invested shares (“H Shares”) (as the case may be) allotted, issued and dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued and dealt with either separately or concurrently by the Board pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a), otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined) or (ii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, shall not exceed 20% of each of the Company’s existing domestic shares and H Shares (as the case may be) in issue at the date of passing this special resolution; and

(d) for the purpose of this special resolution numbered 9:

“Relevant Period” means the period from the passing of this special resolution numbered 9 until the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the 12 month-period following the passing of these special resolutions; and
- (iii) the date of revocation or variation of the authority given to the Board under these special resolutions by a special resolution of the Company’s shareholders in a general meeting.

“Rights Issue” means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Board to holders of shares on the register of members on a fixed record date in proportion to their holdings of such shares (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the Board may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any legal or practical restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirement of, any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in any territory applicable to the Company) and an offer, allotment or issue of shares by way of rights shall be construed accordingly.

10. **THAT** the Board be authorised to increase the registered capital of the Company to reflect the issue of shares in the Company authorised under special resolution numbered 9, and to make such appropriate and necessary amendments to the Articles of Association of the Company as they think fit to reflect such increases in the registered capital of the Company and to take any other action and complete any formality required to effect such increase in the registered capital of the Company.

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

Beijing, China, 6 April 2017

Notes:

- (1) Details of the resolutions stated above are set out in the 2016 annual report and the circular dated 6 April 2017 of the Company. In relation to the special resolution No. 6 stated above, the Chinese version of the relevant proposed resolution shall prevail over its English version as the Articles of Association of the Company are written in Chinese and its English version is an unofficial translation for reference only.
- (2) The H Share Register of Members of the Company will be closed, for the purpose of determining shareholders' entitlement to attend the annual general meeting, from 23 April 2017 to 23 May 2017 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of H Shares will be registered. In order to attend the annual general meeting, all share transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged for registration with Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 21 April 2017. Holders of H Shares who are registered with Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited on 23 May 2017 are entitled to attend the annual general meeting.
- (3) The Board of Directors of the Company has recommended a final dividend of HK\$0.105 per share (pre-tax) for the year ended 31 December 2016 and, if such proposed dividend distribution set out in resolution numbered 2 is approved by the shareholders, the final dividend will be distributed to those shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company on Monday, 5 June 2017. The H Share Register of Members will be closed from Wednesday, 31 May 2017 to Monday, 5 June 2017 (both days inclusive). In order to be entitled to the final dividend, holders of H Shares who have not registered the transfer documents are required to deposit the transfer documents together with the relevant share certificates at Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong at or before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 29 May 2017.
- (4) Each shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the annual general meeting may appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote on his behalf at the annual general meeting. A proxy need not be a shareholder. Each shareholder who wishes to appoint one or more proxies should read through the 2016 annual report and the circular dated 6 April 2017.
- (5) To be valid, the form of proxy together with the power of attorney or other authorisation document (if any) signed by the authorised person or notarially certified power of attorney must be delivered to the General Affairs Office of the Company (for holders of domestic shares) and to the Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited (for holders of H Shares) not less than 24 hours before the designated time for the holding of the annual general meeting. The General Affairs Office of the Company is located at 31 Jinrong Street, Xicheng District, Beijing 100033, PRC. (Telephone: (8610) 5850 1508). Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited is located at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong. Completion and return of a form of proxy will not preclude a shareholder from attending in person and voting at the annual general meeting if he so wishes.
- (6) Shareholders intending to attend the annual general meeting shall return the attendance slip via hand delivery, mail or fax to the General Affairs Office of the Company (for holders of domestic shares) and to the Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited (for holders of H Shares) on or before 2 May 2017.
- (7) Shareholders attending the annual general meeting in person or by proxy shall present their proof of identity. If the attending shareholder is a corporation, its legal representative or person authorised by the board of directors or other decision making authority shall present a copy of the relevant resolution of the board of directors or other decision making authority in order to attend the annual general meeting.

- (8) All resolutions proposed at the annual general meeting will be voted by poll.
- (9) The annual general meeting is expected to last for half a day and shareholders (in person or by proxy) attending the annual general meeting shall be responsible for their own transport and accommodation expenses.
- (10) Shareholders are advised to call the Company's hotline at (852) 2877 9777 or browse the Company's website (www.chinatelecom-h.com) for the latest arrangements of the annual general meeting in the event that a Typhoon Signal No. 8 (or above) or a Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is hoisted on the day of the annual general meeting.
- (11) The English translation of this Notice is for reference only, and in case of any inconsistency, the Chinese version shall prevail.

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).