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Key Financial and Performance Indicators for the First Quarter of 2019

In the first quarter of 2019, the Group deepened the execution of the Strategy of Focus, Innovation and Cooperation. It proactively advanced Internet-oriented operations, while comprehensively deepening mixed-ownership reform. The “Speed Upgrade and Tariff Reduction” policy and intensified market competition continued to pressure the Group’s fundamental businesses. The Group pressed forward the innovative and differentiated operation of fundamental businesses, while accelerating capability cultivation and scale development in innovative businesses. Innovative businesses maintained strong growth momentum during the period, supporting the stable to rising overall service revenue of the Group. Further bolstered by good cost control, the Group’s net profit continued to grow remarkably in the first quarter of 2019. The key unaudited financial data in the period were as follows:

- Overall service revenue amounted to RMB 66,802 million, up by 0.3% year-on-year.
- EBITDA amounted to RMB 25,012 million, up by 4.6% year-on-year.
- The profit attributable to the equity shareholders of the Company amounted to RMB 3,675 million, up by 22.3% year-on-year.

Going forward, the Group will expedite “Five New” establishment to drive high-quality sustainable growth, striving to achieve collaborative enhancement in the returns of shareholders, corporate and employees.

To enable shareholders, investors and the general public to better appraise the operational performance of the Group, the board of directors (the "Board") of China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited (the "Company", together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") announces certain selected unaudited key financial and performance indicators of the Group for the first quarter of 2019.

Financial Data (Extracted from financial records prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards)

Unit: RMB millions

	For the three months ended 31 March	
	2019	2018
Total service revenue	66,802	66,609
Sales of telecommunications products	6,345	8,326
Revenue	73,147	74,935
Interconnection charges	(2,737)	(2,960)
Depreciation and amortisation	(20,493)	(20,017)
Network, operation and support expenses	(10,732)	(13,318)
Employee benefit expenses	(11,585)	(11,920)
Costs of telecommunications products sold	(6,605)	(8,340)
Other operating expenses	(16,477)	(14,488)
Finance costs	(592)	(674)
Interest income	293	455
Share of net profit of associates	316	132
Share of net profit of joint venture	171	102
Other income – net	98	124
Profit before income tax	4,804	4,031
Income tax expenses	(1,121)	(1,006)
Profit for the period	3,683	3,025
Profit attributable to:		
Equity shareholders of the Company	3,675	3,005
Non-controlling interests	8	20
	As at	As at
	31 March 2019	31 December 2018
Total assets	567,423	540,320
Total liabilities	249,847	226,034
Total equity	317,576	314,286

Business Data

	As at 31 March 2019/ For the period from 1 January 2019 to 31 March 2019	As at 31 December 2018/ For the period from 1 October 2018 to 31 December 2018
Mobile billing subscribers (Million)	323.136	315.036
of which 4G subscribers (Million)	230.444	219.925
Net addition of mobile billing subscribers (Million)	8.100	5.210
of which net addition of 4G subscribers (Million)	10.519	6.075
Mobile handset data traffic (Billion MB)	6,854.1	6,677.1
Mobile voice usage (Billion Minutes)	180.6	183.7
Fixed-line broadband subscribers (Million)	82.392	80.880
Net addition of fixed-line broadband subscribers (Million)	1.512	0.533
Fixed-line local access subscribers (Million)	54.920	55.899
Net loss of fixed-line local access subscribers (Million)	(0.979)	(0.926)

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In the first quarter of 2019, the Group continued to press forward the innovative operation of its mobile service. It leveraged the strengthened 2I2C cooperation with Internet companies to upgrade differentiated products. It deepened unified O2O total touchpoint operation to enhance the efficiency of development. In the first quarter of 2019, mobile billing subscribers registered a net addition of 8.10 million, reaching a total of 323 million. Within that, 4G subscribers registered a net addition of 10.52 million, reaching a total of 230 million. Due to the cancellation of mobile data “roaming” fees since July last year and intensified market competition, mobile service revenue decreased by 5.2% year-on-year to RMB 39,373 million in the first quarter of 2019. Mobile billing subscriber ARPU declined year-on-year to RMB 41.2.

The Group actively responded to the competitive challenges in the broadband market by resorting to “Big Video, Big Integration and Big Bandwidth”. Leveraging the rich resources afforded by its strategic investors, the Group strengthened its content portfolio with quality video. It stepped up the promotion of bundled products through all channels, and strongly promoted high-bandwidth products. It accelerated the implementation of comprehensive grid-based contract-out reform to raise sales and servicing ability. In the first quarter of 2019, fixed-line broadband subscribers registered a net addition of 1.51 million, reaching a total of 82.39 million. Fixed-line broadband access revenue amounted to RMB 10,332 million. In innovative businesses, the Group emphasised on capability cultivation, and

focused on key industries and key businesses. It actively propelled the business and capital cooperation with strategic investors and industry vertical leaders. It established innovative mechanism and strengthened efforts to build talent pipeline and technology capability, accruing energy for scale and profitable development in the future. For the first quarter of 2019, revenue from industry Internet business amounted to RMB 8,661 million, up by 47.4% year-on-year. Driven by the rapid growth of the innovative businesses, the Group's fixed-line service revenue reached RMB 26,919 million, up by 9.4% year-on-year. Overall service revenue amounted to RMB 66,802 million, up by 0.3% year-on-year.

The Group has adopted IFRS/HKFRS 16, "Leases" since 1 January 2019. Subject to practical expedients allowed by the standard, the Group recognised a lease liability and a corresponding "right-of-use" asset for all applicable leases, and recognised interest expense accrued on the outstanding balance of the lease liability and depreciation of the right-of-use asset. The Group has elected to use the modified retrospective approach for the adoption of the standard, i.e. it will not restate the comparative figures for years/periods prior to its initial application, and will recognise the cumulative effect of initial application as adjustments to the opening balances of total assets, total liabilities and retained earnings in the current period. As a result, the adoption of IFRS/HKFRS 16 caused depreciation and amortisation, finance costs to increase in the first quarter of 2019 while the rental expenses within network, operation and support expenses reduced correspondingly. The costs of telecommunications products sold decreased 20.8% year-on-year mainly due to the lower sales of telecommunications products during the period. Other operating expenses increased by 13.7% year-on-year mainly due to the increasing costs associated with the rapid growth of ICT business, and more technical support and marketing spending for innovative businesses. For the first quarter of 2019, the Group's EBITDA amounted to RMB 25,012 million, up by 4.6% year-on-year. EBITDA as a percentage of service revenue was 37.4%. The profit attributable to the equity shareholders of the Company amounted to RMB 3,675 million, up significantly by 22.3% year-on-year. Excluding the impact of the adoption of IFRS/HKFRS 16 in the period, depreciation and amortisation in the first quarter of 2019 would have decreased by 8.6% year-on-year mainly driven by the good control of capital expenditure in recent years. Finance costs would have decreased by 58.2% mainly because the strong free cash flow generated last year contributed to the substantial reduction in interest-bearing debts year-on-year. Network, operation and support expenses would still have decreased by 1.1% year-on-year mainly due to the effective control of the related costs.

Going forward, the Group will continue to deepen the execution of the Strategy of Focus, Innovation and Cooperation and deeply advance mixed-ownership reform. It will expedite "Five New" establishment to drive high-quality sustainable growth. The Group will resolutely carry out its Internet-oriented operation transformation, ensure stable development of its fundamental businesses and expand the scale of its innovative businesses in a bid to drive continuous business growth as a whole. Ongoing efforts will be made to strengthen operation management and risk control. The Group will advance cost reduction and efficiency enhancement to continuously improve operating effectiveness and competitive strengths, striving to achieve collaborative enhancement in the returns of shareholders, corporate and employees.

Caution Statement

The Board wishes to remind shareholders of the Company and investors that the above financial and business data are based on the Group's internal records and management accounts and have not been reviewed or audited by the auditors. The Company's shareholders and investors are cautioned not to unduly rely on such data. In the meantime, the Company's shareholders and investors are advised to exercise caution in dealing in the securities of the Company.

By order of the Board
China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited
Wang Xiaochu
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 23 April 2019

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As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of the Company comprises:

Executive Directors:	Wang Xiaochu, Li Guohua, Li Fushen, Shao Guanglu and Zhu Keping
Non-executive Director:	Cesareo Alierta Izuel
Independent Non-executive Directors:	Cheung Wing Lam Linus, Wong Wai Ming, Chung Shui Ming Timpson and Law Fan Chiu Fun Fanny