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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)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY NYSE TO RE-COMMENCE DELISTING PROCEEDINGS OF AMERICAN DEPOSITARY SHARES

This announcement is made by China Telecom Corporation Limited (the “Company”, together with its subsidiaries, the “Group”) on a voluntary basis.

We refer to (i) the announcements of the Company dated 13 November 2020 and 4 January 2021 in relation to the Executive Order (as defined in those announcements) and the decision of The New York Stock Exchange LLC (the “NYSE”) to delist the American Depositary Shares of the Company (NYSE stock ticker: CHA) (the “ADSs”); and (ii) the announcement of the Company dated 5 January 2021 in relation to the announcement by the NYSE that NYSE Regulation no longer intended to move forward with the delisting action in relation to the ADSs.

On 6 January 2021 (US Eastern standard time), the Company has been further notified by the NYSE that the NYSE has once again reversed its earlier decision in that NYSE Regulation has determined to re-commence proceedings to delist the ADSs to comply with the Executive Order. This latest decision is based on the following new specific guidance that the US Department of Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”) provided to the NYSE: pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of the Executive Order, US persons cannot engage in certain transactions (as specified in the Executive Order) including in the ADSs after 9:30 a.m. (US Eastern standard time) on 11 January 2021. The Company hereby draws investors’ attention to the new OFAC guidance available at <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-sanctions/faqs/864>, which provides further interpretation on the applicability of the Executive Order to the Company’s H shares and ADSs, as to which investors may wish to seek professional advice.

The NYSE has been advised that The National Securities Clearing Corporation will clear trades in the ADSs executed through 8 January 2021 (US Eastern standard time), and hence the NYSE will suspend trading in the ADSs at 4:00 a.m. (US Eastern standard time) on 11 January 2021. The NYSE will apply to the US Securities and Exchange Commission to delist the ADSs upon completion of all applicable procedures, including any appeal (if filed) against the NYSE Regulation staff’s decision.

Since its listing in 2002, the Company has strictly complied with the laws and regulations, market rules as well as regulatory requirements of its listing venues, and has been operating in accordance with laws and regulations. The Company deeply regrets the aforesaid decision and actions of the NYSE. The reversals and conflicts of the NYSE decisions harm the interests of the Company and its shareholders.

The Company expects the fact that the NYSE has once again reversed its earlier decision and the aforesaid new OFAC guidance may affect the trading prices and volumes of the Company's H shares and ADSs. The Company will continue to pay close attention to the development of related matters and also seek professional advice and reserve all rights to protect the legitimate interests of the Company. The Company will publish further announcement(s) as necessary and when appropriate in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and applicable laws in the future.

In the meantime, investors are advised to exercise caution in dealing in the securities of the Company.

By Order of the Board
China Telecom Corporation Limited
Wong Yuk Har
Company Secretary

Beijing, China, 7 January 2021

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company consists of Mr. Ke Ruiwen (as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer); Mr. Li Zhengmao (as the President and Chief Operating Officer); Mr. Shao Guanglu; Mr. Chen Zhongyue, Mr. Liu Guiqing and Madam Zhu Min (as the Chief Financial Officer) (all as the Executive Vice Presidents); Mr. Chen Shengguang (as the Non-Executive Director); Mr. Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius, Mr. Xu Erming, Madam Wang Hsuehming and Mr. Yeung Chi Wai, Jason (all as the Independent Non-Executive Directors).