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## ANNOUNCEMENT

The board of directors of China Unicom Limited (the “Company”) hereby declares that, as of today, the Company has not made any decision regarding its acquisition of the cellular businesses of certain provinces and cities in China.

The board of directors (the “Board”) of China Unicom Limited (the “Company”) noted the recent market rumour regarding certain information on the acquisition by the Company of the cellular businesses of certain provinces and cities in China.

The Board hereby declares that, as of today, the Company has not made any decision regarding the above acquisition and there is no basis for the reports in the relevant press articles.

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

By the Order of the Board  
**China Unicom Limited**  
**Li Zhengmao**  
*Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 11 May 2001