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(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
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PROPOSED GENERAL MANDATES TO
BUY BACK SHARES AND TO ISSUE SHARES,
PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
AND
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be convened at 11:00 a.m. on 10 May 2017 at Ballroom, Level 5, Island Shangri-La Hotel, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong. The Notice of AGM is set out on pages 12 to 15 of this circular.

The proxy form is enclosed in this circular. Whether or not Shareholders intend to attend the AGM, they are advised to complete and return the enclosed proxy form to the Company's Share Registrar, Hong Kong Registrars Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, as soon as practicable and in any event by not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM. The completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM should you so wish.

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

In this circular, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

"AGM" the annual general meeting of the Company to be held on

10 May 2017 at Ballroom, Level 5, Island Shangri-La Hotel, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong

Kong

"Articles of Association" the articles of association of China Unicom (Hong Kong)

Limited

"Board" the board of directors of the Company

"Buy-back Mandate" the mandate granted to the Company if the ordinary

resolution set out in item 4 of the Notice of AGM is passed

"Companies Ordinance" the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of

Hong Kong), as amended from time to time

"Company" China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited, a company

incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong with limited liability and whose Shares and American Depositary Shares are listed on the Stock Exchange and the New York

Stock Exchange, respectively

"Directors" the directors of the Company

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the

People's Republic of China

"Latest Practicable Date" 22 March 2017

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock

Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Notice of AGM" notice of the AGM dated 31 March 2017

"Shareholder(s)" holder(s) of the Shares

"Shares" shares in the share capital of the Company

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Takeovers Code" Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"Unicom BVI" China Unicom (BVI) Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands and an immediate controlling shareholder of the Company

"Unicom Group" 中國聯合網絡通信集團有限公司 (China United Network Communications Group Company Limited), a state-owned enterprise established under the laws of the PRC and the ultimate parent company of the Company

"Unicom Group BVI" China Unicom Group Corporation (BVI) Limited, a

China Unicom Group Corporation (BVI) Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands and an immediate controlling shareholder of the Company



# CHINA UNICOM (HONG KONG) LIMITED中國聯合網絡通信(香港)股份有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 0762)

Executive Directors:
Wang Xiaochu
Lu Yimin
Li Fushen
Shao Guanglu

Non-executive Director: Cesareo Alierta Izuel

Independent Non-executive Directors: Cheung Wing Lam Linus Wong Wai Ming Chung Shui Ming Timpson Law Fan Chiu Fun Fanny Registered office: 75th Floor, The Center 99 Queen's Road Central Hong Kong

31 March 2017

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# PROPOSED GENERAL MANDATES TO BUY BACK SHARES AND TO ISSUE SHARES, PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with details of (1) the proposed general mandate to buy back shares and to issue Shares of the Company, (2) the proposed re-election of Directors, and (3) the Notice of AGM.

#### 2. PROPOSED GENERAL MANDATES TO BUY BACK SHARES AND TO ISSUE SHARES

A general mandate was granted to the Board to exercise the power of the Company to buy back Shares at the last annual general meeting of the Company held on 12 May 2016. Such mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the forthcoming AGM. Therefore it is proposed that a fresh general mandate be granted to the Board to buy back Shares in the Company with an aggregate number of Shares not exceeding 10% of the total number of Shares in issue.

An explanatory statement, as required by the Listing Rules to be sent to the Shareholders in connection with the proposed ordinary resolution set out in item 4 of the Notice of AGM for the approval of the renewal of the general mandate for buy-back of Shares, is set out in Appendix I to this circular.

A general mandate was granted to the Board to exercise the power of the Company to issue Shares at the last annual general meeting of the Company held 12 May 2016. Such mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the forthcoming AGM. Therefore it is proposed that a fresh general mandate be granted to the Board to issue Shares as more details are set out in item 5 of the Notice of AGM.

A resolution as set out in item 6 of the Notice of AGM will also be proposed at the AGM authorising the Directors to increase the maximum number of new Shares which may be issued under the general mandate for the issuance and allotment of Shares by adding to it the number representing the aggregate number of Shares bought back pursuant to the Buy-back Mandate.

#### 3. PROPOSED RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Pursuant to the Articles of Association, Mr. Shao Guanglu, Mr. Cesareo Alierta Izuel, Mr. Cheung Wing Lam Linus and Mr. Wong Wai Ming (together, the "Directors for Re-Election") will retire at the AGM and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Mr. Shao Guanglu has been acting as Senior Vice President of the Company since 2011 and an Executive Director of the Company since 16 March 2017. Mr. Cheung Wing Lam Linus and Mr. Wong Wai Ming have been acting as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company for approximately 13 and 11 years respectively, and Mr. Cesareo Alierta Izuel has been acting as a Non-Executive Director of the Company for approximately eight years. During their tenure as a Director, they have provided excellent advice on the affairs of the Company from time to time, which promoted and enhanced the management of the Company and standardised the corporate governance practice of the Company. Mr. Cheung Wing Lam Linus and Mr. Wong Wai Ming have both confirmed to the Company that they are in compliance with the requirements of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Company has conducted assessment on their independence, and is of the view that each of them complies with the guidelines on independence as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and that Mr. Cheung Wing Lam Linus and Mr. Wong Wai Ming are considered as independent in accordance with the provisions of the guidelines. The Nomination Committee and the Board of the Company are of the view that the re-election of the four Directors to be Directors of the Company can enhance the level of management of the Company through leveraging their professional experience and knowledge, promote the objective decision-making of the Board and contribute to the full and impartial supervision of the management of the Company in accordance with the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

The biographies of the proposed Directors for Re-Election are set out in the Appendix II to this circular.

Except as noted in the biographies, the Directors for Re-Election have not held any other directorships in any listed public companies in the last three years nor any post in an affiliated company of the Group. Further, none of the Directors for Re-Election is connected with any Directors, senior management, substantial shareholders (as defined under the Listing Rules) or controlling shareholders of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Cheung Wing Lam Linus had personal interests in 200,000 Shares of the Company, representing approximately 0.0008% of the issued shares of the Company. Save the above, the Directors for Re-Election did not have any other interest in the Shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Please refer to the 2016 Annual Report of the Company for details of the remuneration of Mr. Cesareo Alierta Izuel, Mr. Cheung Wing Lam Linus and Mr. Wong Wai Ming in 2016. The terms of services agreed between the Directors for Re-Election and the Company neither specify the length of service nor require the Company to give more than one year's advance notice or to make payments equivalent to more than one year's remuneration to terminate the service (other than statutory compensation). However, the Directors are subject to retirement at annual general meetings in accordance with the Articles of Association. The proposed remuneration package of directors of the Company will be determined by the Remuneration Committee, subject to approval by the Board and in compliance with applicable PRC laws, regulations and policies, and taking into account the responsibilities of such person in the Company, his experience and performance as well as the prevailing market conditions. The Company will disclose as and when appropriate once the proposed remuneration packages for such persons have been determined.

Save as disclosed in this circular, each of the Directors for Re-Election has confirmed that there is no other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders of the Company and that there is no other information to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

#### 4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be convened at 11:00 a.m. on 10 May 2017 at Ballroom, Level 5, Island Shangri-La Hotel, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong. The Notice of AGM is set out on pages 12 to 15 of this circular. No Shareholders will be required to abstain from voting at the AGM. Voting will be taken by way of poll in accordance with the requirements of Listing Rules.

The proxy form is enclosed in this circular. Whether or not Shareholders intend to attend the AGM, they are advised to complete and return the enclosed proxy form to the Company's share registrar, Hong Kong Registrars Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, as soon as practicable and in any event by not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM. The completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM should you so wish.

#### 5. RECOMMENDATION

The Board considers that the resolutions as set out in the Notice of AGM are all in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Board recommends you to vote in favour of all of the resolutions at the AGM.

By Order of the Board

China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited

Wang Xiaochu

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

This explanatory statement contains all the information required under Rule 10.06(1)(b) of the Listing Rules and also constitutes a memorandum required under section 239 of the Companies Ordinance.

#### EXERCISE OF THE BUY-BACK MANDATE

The Directors believe that the flexibility afforded by the Buy-back Mandate would be beneficial to the Company. It is proposed that up to 10% of the total number of issued and outstanding Shares on the date of the passing of the ordinary resolution (subject to adjustment in the case of any subdivision and consolidation of Shares after the relevant general meeting) to approve the Buy-back Mandate may be bought back. As at the Latest Practicable Date, 23,947,081,083 Shares were in issue and outstanding. On the basis of such figure, the Directors would be authorised to buy back up to 2,394,708,108 Shares during the period up to the date of the next annual general meeting in 2018, or the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by law to be held, or the revocation or variation of the Buy-back Mandate by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders at a general meeting, whichever of these three events occurs first.

#### **REASONS FOR BUY-BACKS**

Buy-backs of Shares will only be made when the Directors believe that they will benefit the Company and its Shareholders. Such buy-backs may, depending on the market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value of the Company and its assets and/or its earnings per Share.

#### **FUNDING OF BUY-BACKS**

Buy-backs pursuant to the Buy-back Mandate would be financed entirely from the Company's available cash flow or working capital facilities. Any buy-backs will be made out of funds of the Company legally permitted to be utilised for such purpose in accordance with its Articles of Association and the laws of Hong Kong, including profits otherwise available for distribution. Under the Companies Ordinance, a company's profits available for distribution are its accumulated, realised profits, so far as not previously utilised by distribution or capitalisation, less its accumulated, realised losses, so far as not previously written off in a reduction or reorganisation of capital duly made.

There might be a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the position disclosed in its most recent published audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016) in the event that the Buy-back Mandate is exercised in full.

However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Buy-back Mandate to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the Company's working capital or gearing position, which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None of the Directors, and to the best of their knowledge, having made all reasonable enquires, none of their associates (as defined under the Listing Rules), have any present intention to sell Shares to the Company or its subsidiaries if the Buy-back Mandate is approved by the Shareholders. No core connected persons (as defined under the Listing Rules) of the Company have notified the Company that they (i) have a present intention to sell Shares to the Company or (ii) have undertaken not to sell Shares to the Company, if the Buy-back Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

#### DIRECTORS' UNDERTAKING

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that they will exercise the Buy-back Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of Hong Kong.

#### SHARE BUY-BACKS MADE BY THE COMPANY

No buy-backs of Share have been made by the Company (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) during the six months preceding the date of this circular.

#### TAKEOVERS CODE CONSEQUENCES

If as a result of a buy-back of Shares by the Company, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purpose of the Takeovers Code. As a result, a Shareholder, or group of Shareholders acting in concert, depending on the level of increase of its or their shareholding, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the immediate controlling shareholders of the Company are, Unicom BVI and Unicom Group BVI. Unicom BVI, was recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance as having an interest in 9,725,000,020 Shares, representing approximately 40.61% of the total number of issued and outstanding Shares as at that date. If the Buy-back Mandate is exercised in full, Unicom BVI will be interested in approximately 45.12% of the reduced number of issued and outstanding Shares based on Unicom BVI's interest in the issued and outstanding Shares and the total number of issued and outstanding Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date. Unicom Group BVI, was recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance as having a beneficial interest in 8,082,130,236 Shares, representing approximately 33.75% of the total number of issued and outstanding Shares of the Company as at that date. If the Buy-back Mandate is exercised in full, Unicom Group BVI will be interested in approximately 37.50% of the reduced number of issued and outstanding Shares based on Unicom Group BVI's beneficial interest in the issued and outstanding Shares and the total number of issued and outstanding Shares as at the Latest Practicable Date. Unicom BVI and Unicom Group BVI are presumed to be acting in concert with each other in respect of their aggregate 74.36% shareholding in the Company pursuant to class (1) of the definition of "acting in concert" in the Takeovers Code as they are both ultimately controlled by Unicom Group. Therefore, as the aggregate shareholding in the Company held by Unicom BVI and Unicom Group BVI, being persons acting in concert, exceeds 50%, exercise of the Buy-back Mandate should, subject to the specific circumstances in the particular case, not result in a mandatory offer obligation upon Unicom BVI and Unicom Group BVI under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. Save as disclosed above, the Directors are not aware of any other consequences that may arise under the Takeovers Code as a result of a buy-back of the Shares.

## MARKET PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares have traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the previous twelve months preceding the Latest Practicable Date are as follows:

	Traded market price	
	Highest	Lowest
	HKD	HKD
2016		
March	10.26	8.82
April	10.20	9.12
May	9.37	8.13
June	8.75	7.70
July	8.38	7.75
August	9.39	8.02
September	9.73	8.64
October	10.00	9.02
November	9.64	8.40
December	9.98	8.79
2017		
January	9.35	8.67
February	9.85	9.10
March (up to the latest practicable 22 March 2017)	10.48	9.22

#### BIOGRAPHIES OF THE DIRECTORS FOR RE-ELECTION AT THE AGM

#### Mr. Shao Guanglu

Executive Director and Senior Vice President

Aged 52, was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company in March 2017. Mr. Shao was appointed as Senior Vice President of the Company in April 2011. Mr. Shao is a senior engineer. He received a bachelor's degree from Harbin Institute of Technology in 1985, a master's degree in engineering and a master's degree in economics from Harbin Institute of Technology in 1988 and 1990, respectively, a master's degree in management from BI Norwegian Business School in 2002 and a doctor's degree in management from Nankai University in 2009. Mr. Shao joined Unicom Group in February 1995. Mr. Shao was Deputy General Manager of Tianjin Branch, Deputy General Manager of Henan Branch, General Manager of Guangxi Branch, as well as General Manager of Human Resource Department of Unicom Group. In addition, Mr. Shao has served as a Non-Executive Director of PCCW Limited (listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange with an American Depositary Receipts trading on OTC Markets Group Inc.) since March 2017. Mr. Shao also serves as a Vice President of Unicom Group, a Director of China United Network Communications Limited and a Director and Senior Vice President of China United Network Communications Corporation Limited. Mr. Shao has worked in the telecommunications industry for a long period of time and has extensive management experience.

#### Mr. Cesareo Alierta Izuel

Non-Executive Director

Aged 71, was appointed in October 2008 as a Non-Executive Director of the Company. Mr. Alierta has been a member of the Board of Directors of Telefónica S.A. (listed on various stock exchanges including Madrid, New York and London) from January 1997. Mr. Alierta is Executive Chairman of Fundación Telefónica, a director of DTS, Distribuidora de Televisión Digital, S.A.U. and a member of the Board of trustees of the Caixa d'Estalvis i Pensions de Barcelona "la Caixa" Banking Foundation. He is also the Chairman of the Social Board of the UNED (National Long Distance Spanish University), the Chairman of the Consejo Empresarial para la Competitividad (Business Competitiveness Council), and a member of the Columbia Business School Board of Overseers. Between 1970 and 1985, he was the General Manager of the Capital Markets division at Banco Urquijo in Madrid. He has been the founder and Chairman of Beta Capital. As from 1991, he has also acted as the Chairman of the Spanish Financial Analysts' Association. He has also been a member of the Board of Directors and the Standing Committee of the Madrid Stock Exchange. Between 1996 and 2000, he held the post of Chairman of Tabacalera, S.A., and subsequently Altadis following the company's merger with the French group Seita. Between July 2000 and April 2016, he served as an Executive Chairman of Telefónica S.A.. Mr. Alierta served as a Non-Executive Director of China Netcom during the period from December 2007 to November 2008. From April 2008 to December 2013 he was a member of the Board of Directors of Telecom Italia, S.p.A.. Between September 2010 and June 2016, Mr. Alierta served as a member of the Board of Directors of International Consolidated Airlines Group (IAG, listed on the stock exchanges of Madrid and London). In September 2005, Mr. Alierta received "The Global Spanish Entrepreneur" award from the Spanish/US Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Alierta holds a degree in law from the University of Zaragoza and received a master's degree in business administration at the University of Columbia (New York) in 1970.

#### Mr. Cheung Wing Lam Linus

Independent Non-Executive Director

Aged 68, was appointed in May 2004 as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company. Mr. Cheung is a member of the Board of Governors of Centennial College of the University of Hong Kong, Independent Non-Executive Directors of HKR International Limited (listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange) and Sotheby's (listed on the New York Stock Exchange). Mr. Cheung was a member of the University of Hong Kong Council, Chairman of the Council of Centennial College, Chairman of the University of Hong Kong School of Professional and Continuing Education, Chairman of Asia Television Limited, Deputy Chairman of PCCW Limited, an Independent Non-Executive Director of Taikang Life Insurance Company Limited, as well as President of the Chartered Institute of Marketing (Hong Kong Region). Prior to the merger of Pacific Century Cyberworks Limited and Hong Kong Telecom Limited, Mr. Cheung was the Chief Executive of Hong Kong Telecom Limited and an Executive Director of Cable & Wireless plc in the United Kingdom. Mr. Cheung worked at Cathay Pacific Airways for 23 years, leaving as Deputy Managing Director. He was appointed an Official Justice of the Peace in 1990 and a Non-official Justice of the Peace in 1992. Mr. Cheung received a bachelor's degree in social sciences and a diploma in management studies from the University of Hong Kong. He is also an Honorary Fellow of the University of Hong Kong and of The Chartered Institute of Marketing in the United Kingdom.

#### Mr. Wong Wai Ming

Independent Non-Executive Director

Aged 59, was appointed in January 2006 as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company. Mr. Wong is Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Lenovo Group Limited (listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange). Prior to his current executive position at Lenovo Group Limited, Mr. Wong was the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of Roly International Holdings Limited and an Executive Director of Linmark Group Limited (currently known as Daohe Global Group Limited and listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange). Mr. Wong served as a Non-Executive Director of Linmark Group Limited. Mr. Wong was previously an investment banker with over 15 years of experience in investment banking business in Greater China and was a member of the Listing Committee of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. Mr. Wong is a chartered accountant and holds a bachelor's degree (with Honors) in management science from the Victoria University of Manchester in the United Kingdom.



# CHINA UNICOM (HONG KONG) LIMITED中國聯合網絡通信(香港)股份有限公司

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#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited (the "Company") will be held on 10 May 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Ballroom, Level 5, Island Shangri-La Hotel, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong for the following purposes:

#### AS ORDINARY BUSINESS:

- 1. To receive and consider the financial statements and the Reports of the Directors and of the Independent Auditor for the year ended 31 December 2016.
- 2. To re-elect Directors and to authorise the Board of Directors to fix the remuneration of the Directors.
- 3. To re-appoint KPMG and KPMG Huazhen LLP as the auditors of the Group for Hong Kong financial reporting and U.S. financial reporting purposes, respectively, and to authorise the Board of Directors to fix their remuneration for the year ending 31 December 2017.

And as Special Business, to consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

#### 4. "THAT:

(a) subject to paragraphs (b) and (c) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to purchase shares in the capital of the Company including any form of depositary receipts representing the right to receive such shares (the "Shares") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or any other stock exchange recognised for this purpose by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange in accordance with all applicable laws including the Code on Share Buy-backs and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") as amended from time to time be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (b) the aggregate number of Shares which may be purchased or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be purchased by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10% of the total number of the Shares in issue at the date of passing this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;
- (c) for the purpose of this Resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution until the earlier of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Company's articles of association (the "Articles of Association") or the Companies Ordinance to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given to the Directors under this Resolution by ordinary resolution of the Company's shareholders in general meeting."

#### 5. "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional Shares and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers be and are hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) shall authorise the Directors 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 aggregate number of Shares allotted, issued and dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued and dealt with (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a), otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined), (ii) the exercise of options granted under any share option scheme adopted by the Company or (iii) 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, shall not exceed the aggregate of: (1) 20% of the total number of Shares in issue at the date of passing this Resolution, plus (2) (if the Directors are so authorised by a separate ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company) the aggregate number of Shares bought back by the Company subsequent to the passing of this Resolution (up to a maximum number equivalent to 10% of the total number of Shares in issue at the date of passing this Resolution), and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

(d) for the purpose of this Resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution until the earlier of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Articles of Association or the Companies Ordinance to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given to the Directors under this Resolution by ordinary resolution of the Company's shareholders in general meeting; and

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of Shares on the register of members on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such Shares on such record date (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the Directors 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 requirements 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."

6. "THAT the Directors be and are hereby authorised to exercise the powers of the Company referred to in paragraph (a) of Resolution 5 in respect of the share capital of the Company referred to in sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph (c) of such resolution."

By Order of the Board of
China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited
Yung Shun Loy Jacky
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 31 March 2017

#### Notes:

- 1. Details of the resolutions stated above are set out in the 2016 annual report and the circular dated 31 March 2017 of the Company.
- 2. Any member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote on his/her behalf. The proxy needs not be a member of the Company.
- 3. In order to be valid, a proxy form together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy thereof, must be deposited at the Company's share registrar, Hong Kong Registrars Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, at least 48 hours before the time for holding the Annual General Meeting. Completion and return of a proxy form will not preclude a member from attending and voting in person if he/she is subsequently able to be present.

- 4. For the purpose of ascertaining the shareholders' rights to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting (and any adjournment thereof), the register of members of the Company will be closed from 5 May 2017 to 10 May 2017, both days inclusive. In order to qualify for attendance and voting at the Annual General Meeting, all transfers, accompanied by the relevant certificates, must be lodged with the Company's Share Registrar, Hong Kong Registrars Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, by no later than 4:30 p.m. of 4 May 2017.
- 5. In relation to the Ordinary Resolution set out in item 2 of the Notice, Mr. Shao Guanglu, Mr. Cesareo Alierta Izuel, Mr. Cheung Wing Lam Linus and Mr. Wong Wai Ming will retire at the Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.
- 6. All resolutions proposed at the Annual General Meeting will be voted by poll. The poll results will be published on the Company's and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited's websites after the Annual General Meeting.
- 7. Shareholders are suggested to telephone the Company's hotline on (852) 2126 2018 for arrangements of the Annual General Meeting in the event that a No. 8 (or above) typhoon or black rainstorm warning is hoisted on the day of the Annual General Meeting.

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

Executive directors : Wang Xiaochu, Lu Yimin, Li Fushen and Shao Guanglu

Non-executive director : Cesareo Alierta Izuel

Independent non-executive : Cheung Wing Lam Linus, Wong Wai Ming,

directors Chung Shui Ming Timpson and Law Fan Chiu Fun Fanny