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ANNOUNCEMENT

The board of directors of China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited (the “Company”) would like to make an announcement in relation to various recent media reports, in which the Company was reported to have participated in the proposed privatisation (the “Proposed Privatisation”) of Nigerian Telecommunications Plc (“NITEL”).

This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 13.09(1) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The board of directors the Company would like to make an announcement in relation to various recent media reports, in which the Company was reported to have participated in the Proposed Privatisation.

China Unicom (Europe) Operations Limited (“Unicom Europe”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company incorporated in the United Kingdom whose main business is telecommunications operations in the United Kingdom, has been in contact with certain potential bidders who propose to participate in the Proposed Privatisation. Unicom Europe has indicated its interest in the provision of technical and managerial support services in relation to the Proposed Privatisation. Unicom Europe has also indicated that, subject to certain conditions being fulfilled, it would be interested in exploring the possibility of equity investment in NITEL. As at the date of this announcement, Unicom Europe has not commenced any negotiations with the relevant parties with respect to any substantive and legally binding agreements. The Company has not participated in any direct discussions or negotiations with any relevant parties involved in the Proposed Privatisation. China United Network Communications Group Company Limited, the Company’s controlling shareholder, has also informed the Company that it has not participated in any direct discussions or negotiations with any relevant parties involved in the Proposed Privatisation either. The Company will continue to observe the development of the Proposed Privatisation, and will make announcements as and when appropriate.

The Company is very concerned about the various recent media reports in which the Company was reported to have participated in the Proposed Privatisation, and advises investors not to rely on any information concerning the Company or any of its subsidiaries in relation to the Proposed Privatisation other than information provided in the Company's announcements. The Company has not authorised and the Company is not aware of anyone having authorised any person to release any information regarding the Company's or any of its subsidiaries' participation in the Proposed Privatisation. The Company has not authorised any person to comment on, and it will not comment on, any media reports or market rumours relating to the Proposed Privatisation.

Shareholders and holders of the American Depositary Shares of the Company and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares, American Depositary Shares and other securities of the Company.

By Order of the Board of
China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited
Chu Ka Yee
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 22 February 2010

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises:

Executive Directors:	Chang Xiaobing, Lu Yimin, Zuo Xunsheng and Tong Jilu
Non-executive Director:	Cesareo Alierta Izuel
Independent Non-executive Directors:	Wu Jinglian, Cheung Wing Lam Linus, Wong Wai Ming, John Lawson Thornton and Timpson Chung Shui Ming