



DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

September 23, 2013

Via E-mail:

Mr. Wang Xiaochu

Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer

China Telecom Corporation Limited

31 Jinrong Street, Xicheng District

Beijing, People's Republic of China 100033

**Re: China Telecom Corporation Limited**  
**Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2012**  
**Filed April 29, 2013**  
**File No. 1-31517**

Dear Mr. Wang:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filings and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Terry French for

Larry Spigel  
Assistant Director