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CONVENTION ON THE RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT
OF FOREIGN ARBITRAL AWARDS
DONE AT NEW YORK ON 10 JUNE 1958

NOTIFICATIONS BY CHINA
AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
RELATING TO HONG KONG

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

I

On 6 June 1997, the Government of China notified the Secretary-General of the following:

(Courtesy translation) (Original: Chinese)

In accordance with the Declaration of the Government of the People's Republic of China and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the Question of Hong Kong signed on 19 December 1984, the People's Republic of China will resume the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong with effect from 1 July 1997. Hong Kong will, with effect from that date, become a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and will enjoy a high degree of autonomy, except in foreign and defence affairs which are the responsibility of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China.

The [above Convention], to which the Government of the People's Republic of China acceded on 22 January 1987, will apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region with effect from 1 July 1997. The Government of the People's Republic of China also makes the following declaration: The Convention will be applied in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region only to the recognition and enforcement of awards made in the territory of another Contracting State.

The Government of the People's Republic of China will assume responsibility for the international rights and obligations arising from the application of the Convention to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

II

On 10 June 1997, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland notified the Secretary-General of the following:

Attention: Treaty Services of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and of international organizations concerned



(Original: English)

"In accordance with the Joint Declaration of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People's Republic of China on the Question of Hong Kong signed on 19 December 1984, the Government of the United Kingdom will restore Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China with effect from 1 July 1997. The Government of the United Kingdom will continue to have international responsibility for Hong Kong until that date. Therefore, from that date the Government of the United Kingdom will cease to be responsible for the international rights and obligations arising from the application of the [above Convention] to Hong Kong."

8 August 1997

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GJ' or similar initials.

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