

**\* Decision of the National People's Congress  
on the Establishment of the  
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region**

(Adopted at the Third Session of the Seventh National  
People's Congress on 4 April 1990)

In accordance with the provisions of Article 31 and sub-paragraph 13 of Article 62 of the Constitution of the People's Republic of China, the Third Session of the Seventh National People's Congress decides:

1. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is to be established on July 1, 1997.

\*\*2. The area of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region covers the Hong Kong Island, the Kowloon Peninsula, and the islands and adjacent waters under its jurisdiction. The map of the administrative division of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region will be published by the State Council separately.

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Note:

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\*\* See Order of the State Council of the People's Republic of China No. 221 (see **Instrument 13**)