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**Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement between the
Government of Ireland and the Government of the People's
Republic of China concerning the Status of the Consulate of
Ireland in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region**

Notifications exchanged on 13 June 1997
and 20 June 1997

Entered into force on 1 July 1997

Presented to Dáil Éireann by the Minister for Foreign Affairs

53/97

The Embassy of Ireland in China presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China and, on behalf of the Government of Ireland, has the honour to confirm that the Governments of Ireland and of the People's Republic of China have reached the following agreement concerning the maintenance by Ireland of a consular post headed by an honorary consular officer in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China:

1. The Government of the People's Republic of China agrees to the maintenance by the Government Ireland of a consular post headed by an honorary consular officer in the Hong Kong Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, with the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as its consular district.
2. The honorary consular officers shall be citizens of either Party, or of a third country, but shall not be Stateless and they must be permanent residents of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.
3. The honorary consular officers shall exercise consular functions in accordance with and enjoy the privileges and immunities provided for in the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

If the above agreement is confirmed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China in a note of reply, the present note and the Ministry's note shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments and shall enter into force on 1 July, 1997.

The Embassy of Ireland avails of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China the assurances of its highest consideration.

Beijing, 13 June 1997

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the People's Republic of China,
Beijing

中 华 人 民 共 和 国 外 交 部

(97)部领五字第 125 号

爱尔兰驻华大使馆：

中华人民共和国外交部向爱尔兰驻华大使馆致意，并荣幸地收到大使馆一九九七年六月十三日第 53/97 号照会，内容如下：

“爱尔兰驻华大使馆向中华人民共和国外交部致意并谨代表爱尔兰政府确认，爱尔兰政府和中华人民共和国政府，就爱尔兰在中华人民共和国香港特别行政区保留名誉领事馆问题达成协议如下：

一、中华人民共和国政府同意爱尔兰政府在香港特别行政区保留名誉领事馆，领区为香港特别行政区。

二、名誉领事官员可以是协议双方公民或第三国公民，但不得是无国籍者，且必须是中华人民共和国香港特别行政区永久性居民。

三、名誉领事应根据《维也纳领事关系公约》执行领事职务并享有相应的特权与豁免。

上述协议，如蒙外交部代表中华人民共和国政府复照

确认,本照会和外交部的照会即构成两国政府间的一项协议,并自一九九七年七月一日起生效。”

外交部谨代表中华人民共和国政府确认,同意上述照会内容。

顺致最崇高的敬意。



一九九七年六月二十日于北京

Embassy translation

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China presents its compliments to the Embassy of Ireland in China and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Embassy's Note No. 53/97 dated 13 June 1997, which reads as follows.

“The Embassy of Ireland in China presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China and, on behalf of the Government of Ireland, has the honour to confirm that the Governments of Ireland and of the People's Republic of China have reached the following agreement concerning the maintenance by Ireland of a consular post headed by an honorary consular officer in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China:

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If the above agreement is confirmed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China in a note of reply, the present note and the Ministry's note shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments and shall enter into force on 1 July, 1997.”

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour, on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China to confirm its agreement to the contents of the Note.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of Ireland the assurances of its highest consideration.

Beijing, 20 June 1997

Embassy of Ireland in China.