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Important to note that the Chinese statement was in response to your press conference in Hong Kong.

2. Also, that the media, in reporting it, left out X.

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FUTURE OF HONG KONG

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1. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUESTIONS ABOUT ~~THE~~ PRIME MINISTER'S REMARKS IN HONG KONG, THE MFA TODAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"HONG KONG IS PART OF CHINESE TERRITORY. THE TREATIES CONCERNING THE HONG KONG AREA SIGNED BETWEEN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE QING DYNASTY OF CHINA IN THE PAST ARE UNEQUAL TREATIES WHICH HAVE NEVER BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE CHINESE PEOPLE. THE CONSISTENT POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PRC HAS BEEN THAT CHINA IS NOT BOUND BY THESE UNEQUAL TREATIES AND THAT THE WHOLE HONG KONG AREA WILL BE RECOVERED WHEN CONDITIONS ARE RIPE. BOTH THE CHINESE AND BRITISH SIDES HOPE TO MAINTAIN THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF HONG KONG AND THEREFORE WILL HOLD DISCUSSIONS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS."

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