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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Your Excellency.

By the time you receive this message, you will probably already have heard this morning's announcement from 10 Downing Street of my decision to make way for a successor, and to resign as Prime Minister as soon as the Parliamentary Party has completed the necessary procedures for electing a new leader. I shall of course remain in charge of the Government until my successor has been appointed.

I am glad that we have been able to work together to improve the relations between the United Kingdom and China, and to ensure the continued success and prosperity of Hong Kong and its people. I send you my best wishes for the future. I know that my successor will continue to attach the highest importance to the relations between our countries.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely

Baroness Thatcher

His Excellency Mr Jiang Zemin

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