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With respect to the press release announced by the USDOJ regarding the return of US\$1.5 million from the sale of two properties purchased by former President Chen et al, forfeited and sold under the civil forfeiture procedure, the Supreme Prosecutors Office replies and illustrates as follows:

1. In July 2010, the prosecutors of the Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section (AFMLS) of the U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ) found that the two properties located respectively in Virginia and New York, owned by the former President Chen et al. through the shell company Avallo Limited, were purchased with alleged bribes from their corruption, and therefore filed the civil forfeiture complaints against said two properties. Further, in September 2010 and March 2012, the requests for mutual legal assistance were filed to Ministry of Justice (MOJ) under the AIT-TECRO Mutual Legal Assistance Agreement. The Special Investigation Division of Supreme Prosecutors Office (SPO-SID) accordingly provided the related documentation and evidence of the corruption case to the USDOJ as

requested.

2. During the civil forfeiture procedure, the shell company Avallo Limited, holder of the two properties, settled with the USDOJ. The Western District Court of Virginia and the Southern District Court of New York then rendered their final forfeiture judgments against the properties respectively. The amount of forfeited proceeds from the sale of the two properties was approximately US\$1.5 million.

3. The outcome of this case truly embodies the spirit of mutual assistance between the law enforcement departments of both sides, and marks the intense, long-standing and collaborative relationship between each other. It is hoped that the cooperative relationship will grow stronger and thrive in the future.