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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of July, 2016

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Telefónica, S.A.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Distrito Telefónica, Ronda de la Comunicación s/n,

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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RAMIRO SÁNCHEZ DE LERÍN GARCÍA-OVIES

General Secretary and

Secretary to the Board of Directors

TELEFÓNICA, S.A.

TELEFÓNICA, S.A. as provided in article 228 of the Spanish Securities Market Act (*Ley del Mercado de Valores*), hereby reports the following

SIGNIFICANT EVENT

Telefónica, S.A. through its 100% subsidiary, Telefónica Internacional, S.A.U. (hereinafter *Telefonica*), has proceeded with the sale of 361,794,559 shares of China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited (*China Unicom*), representing 1.51% of the share capital of the company, by a block trade process, at a price of HK\$ 7.80 per share, for a total amount of HK\$ 2,822 million, approximately 322 million. Thus, Telefónica maintains a stake close to 1% in China Unicom.

This deal is part of Telefónica's proactive management of its asset portfolio and its mid-term deleveraging objective. Telefonica maintains its commitment to the Strategic Alliance with China Unicom, recently strengthened through cooperation in digital areas such as the big data joint venture between both companies.

Madrid, July 10, 2016.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Telefónica, S.A.

Date: July 10, 2016

By: /s/ Ramiro Sánchez de Lerín García-Ovies
Name: Ramiro Sánchez de Lerín García-Ovies
Title: General Secretary and Secretary to the Board of
Directors