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Communiqué of the Fifth Plenary Session of the 19th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China

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The Fifth Plenary Session of the 19th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China held in Beijing from October 26 to 29, 2020.

There were 198 members of the Central Committee and 166 alternate members of the Central Committee. Members of the Standing Committee of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection and responsible comrades from relevant parties attended the meeting as non-voting delegates. Some grassroots comrades, experts and scholars from the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China also attended the meeting as nonvoting delegates.

The meeting was run by the central government. Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Central Committee, delivered a speech.

The plenary session listened to and discussed the work report of Xi Jinping entrusted by the Political Bureau of the Central Committee, and reviewed and approved the "Recommendations of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China on Formulating the Fourteenth Five-Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development and Long-Term Goals for 2035." Xi Jinping gave an explanation to the plenary meeting on the "Recommendations (Discussion Draft)".

The plenary session fully affirmed the work of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee since the Fourth Plenary Session of the 19th Central Committee of the Party. It was agreed that in the past year, the Politburo of the Central Committee held high the great banner of socialism with Chinese characteristics and insisted on taking Marxism-Leninism, Mao Zedong Thought, Deng Xiaoping Theory, the important thinking of the "Three Represents", the scientific outlook on development, and Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era. Guide, fully implement the spirit of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China and the Second, Third and Fourth Plenary Sessions of the 19th Central Committee, strengthen the "four consciousnesses", strengthen the "four self-confidence", achieve "two safeguards", and coordinate the promotion of the "five people" "One" overall layout, coordinate the promotion of the "four comprehensive" strategic layout, adhere to the general tone of the work of seeking progress while maintaining stability, adhere to the new development concept, unswervingly promote reform and opening up, calmly and forcefully respond to various risks and challenges, and coordinate the prevention and control of the new crown pneumonia epidemic And economic and social development work, put people’s life safety and health in the first place, grasp the strategic basis of expanding domestic demand, deepen supply-side structural reforms, intensify macro-policy responses, and do a solid job of “six stability” and comprehensive Implementing the "six guarantees" task, resolutely safeguarding national sovereignty, security, and development interests, the epidemic prevention and control work has achieved major strategic results, the three tough battles have been solidly advanced, economic growth has been better than expected, people's lives have been effectively guaranteed, and the overall social situation has remained stable. China Major-country diplomacy with distinctive characteristics has been actively promoted, and new and major achievements have been made in various undertakings of the party and the country.
The plenary meeting agreed that in the face of the complicated international situation and the arduous and arduous tasks of domestic reform, development and stability, especially the severe impact of the new crown pneumonia epidemic, the Party Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core will not forget its original aspirations, keep its mission in mind, and unite and lead the whole party and the people of all ethnic groups in the country. Forging ahead, pioneering and innovating, striving to advance the cause of the party and the country, and overcoming various risks and challenges, the ship of socialism with Chinese characteristics continues to ride the wind and waves and move forward with determination. Practice has once again proved that with Comrade Xi Jinping as the core of the Party Central Committee and the core of the entire party at the helm, with the unity and tenacious struggle of the entire party and the people of all ethnic groups, we will surely be able to overcome the various difficulties and obstacles that appear on the road ahead, and we will definitely be able to In the new era, we will push forward socialism with Chinese characteristics more vigorously.

The plenary session spoke highly of the decisive achievements made by the decisive victory in building a moderately prosperous society in all respects. During the "Thirteenth Five-Year Plan" period, major breakthroughs were made in comprehensively deepening reforms, major progress was made in comprehensively governing the country according to law, major results were achieved in comprehensive and strict governance of the party, the modernization of the country's governance system and governance capabilities was accelerated, and the leadership of the Communist Party of China and China's socialist system gained further advantages Demonstrated; economic strength, scientific and technological strength, and comprehensive national strength have leapt to a new stage, economic operation is generally stable, and economic structure continues to be optimized. It is estimated that the GDP will exceed one trillion yuan in 2020; the results of poverty alleviation have attracted worldwide attention. 55.75 million rural poor people have been lifted out of poverty; annual grain output has stabilized at more than 1300 billion catties for five consecutive years; pollution prevention efforts have been increased, and the ecological environment has improved significantly; opening to the outside world has continued to expand, and the "One Belt" "One Road" has achieved fruitful results; people’s living standards have improved significantly, higher education has entered a stage of popularization, more than 60 million new jobs have been created in urban areas, and the world’s largest social security system has been established. Basic medical insurance covers more than 1.3 billion people and provides basic pensions. Insurance covers nearly one billion people, and major strategic results have been achieved in the prevention and control of the new crown pneumonia epidemic; cultural undertakings and cultural industries have prospered; the level of national defense and military construction has been greatly improved, and the military organization has undergone major changes; national security has been comprehensively strengthened, and the society has maintained harmony and stability. The goals and tasks of the "13th Five-Year" plan are about to be completed, the victory of building a well-off society in all respects is in sight, the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation has taken a new big step forward, and socialist China stands in the east of the world with a more majestic posture.

The plenary session emphasized that the whole party and people of all ethnic groups must continue their efforts and work together to ensure that the fight against poverty is won as scheduled, to ensure that a well-off society is fully built on schedule, to achieve the first century-
old goal, and to lay a solid foundation for starting a new journey of building a socialist modern country in an all-round way.

The plenary session deeply analyzed the profound and complex changes China's development environment is facing, and believes that China's development is still in a period of important strategic opportunities at present and in the future, but there are new developments and changes in opportunities and challenges. The world today is undergoing major changes unseen in a century. A new round of scientific and technological revolution and industrial transformation are developing in depth. The balance of international forces is profoundly adjusted. Peace and development are still the themes of the times. The concept of a community with a shared future for mankind is deeply rooted in the hearts of the people. The stability uncertainty has increased significantly. China has turned to a stage of high-quality development, with significant institutional advantages, improved governance efficiency, long-term economic improvement, strong material foundation, abundant human resources, broad market space, strong development resilience, overall social stability, and multiple advantages and conditions for continued development. At the same time, the problem of inadequate development in China is still prominent, the reform tasks in key areas and key links are still arduous, the innovation ability does not meet the requirements of high-quality development, the agricultural foundation is not stable, the gap between urban and rural regional development and income distribution is large, ecological environmental protection has a long way to go, and people’s livelihood There are shortcomings in security, and there are still weaknesses in social governance. The whole party must coordinate the overall situation of the great rejuvenation strategy of the Chinese nation and the great changes in the world unseen in a century, deeply understand the new characteristics and requirements brought about by the changes in the main contradictions of our society, profoundly understand the new contradictions and challenges brought about by the complex international environment, and enhance opportunities Awareness and risk awareness, based on the basic national conditions of the primary stage of socialism, maintain strategic determination, do well in one's own affairs, understand and grasp the law of development, carry forward the spirit of struggle, establish a bottom line thinking, accurately recognize changes, scientifically adapt to changes, actively seek changes, and be good at Cultivate opportunities in the crisis, open a new game in the changing situation, seize opportunities, respond to challenges, seek advantages and avoid disadvantages, and move forward courageously.

The plenary session put forward the long-term goal of basically realizing socialist modernization by 2035. This is: China's economic strength, scientific and technological strength, and overall national strength will rise sharply, and the total economic volume and per capita income of urban and rural residents will reach a new level. Major breakthroughs in key core technologies and entry into the forefront of innovative countries; basic realization of new industrialization, informatization, urbanization, agricultural modernization, and establishment of a modern economic system; basic realization of the modernization of the national governance system and governance capabilities, and equal participation of the people and equal rights to development Fully guarantee, basically build a country under the rule of law, a government under the rule of law, and a society under the rule of law; build a country with culture, education, talent, sports, and a healthy China. The quality of the people and the level of social civilization have reached a new height, and the country’s cultural soft power has been significantly enhanced; a green country has been widely formed Production and lifestyles, carbon emissions have stabilized and declined after peaking, the ecological environment has basically improved,
and the goal of building a beautiful China has basically been achieved; a new pattern of opening up has been formed, international economic cooperation and new competitive advantages have been significantly enhanced; per capita GDP has reached medium At the level of developed countries, the middle-income group has expanded significantly, basic public services have been equalized, the gap between urban and rural development and the living standards of residents has been significantly reduced; the construction of Safe China has reached a higher level, and the modernization of national defense and the military has been basically achieved; people’s lives are better and people The overall development of the country and the common prosperity of all the people have made more obvious substantive progress.

The plenum put forward the guiding ideology and principles that must be followed for economic and social development during the "14th Five-Year Plan" period, and emphasized the need to hold high the great banner of socialism with Chinese characteristics, and thoroughly implement the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China and the 19th National Congress of the Second Middle School, Third Middle School, Fourth Middle School, and Fifth Middle School. The spirit of the Central Plenary Session, adhere to the guidance of Marxism-Leninism, Mao Zedong Thought, Deng Xiaoping Theory, the important thinking of the "Three Represents", the Scientific Outlook on Development, and Xi Jinping’s Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, and fully implement the party’s basic theories, basic lines, and basic principles. Strategies, coordinate and advance the overall layout of economic construction, political construction, cultural construction, social construction, and ecological civilization construction, coordinate and advance the strategic layout of comprehensively building a socialist modern country, comprehensively deepening reforms, comprehensively governing the country according to law, and comprehensively governing the party strictly. Unwaveringly implement the new development concept of innovation, coordination, green, openness, and sharing, adhere to the general tone of the work of seeking progress while maintaining stability, with the theme of promoting high-quality development, with deepening of the supply-side structural reform as the main line, and reform and innovation as the fundamental driving force In order to meet the people’s growing needs for a better life as the fundamental purpose, coordinate development and security, accelerate the construction of a modern economic system, accelerate the construction of a new development pattern with domestic and international cycles as the main body, and promote the national governance system and Modernize governance capabilities, realize economic stability and long-term stability, social stability and harmony, and make a good start and start for the comprehensive construction of a modern socialist country. Adhere to the party’s overall leadership, adhere to and improve the party’s system and mechanism for leading economic and social development, adhere to and improve the socialist system with Chinese characteristics, and continuously improve the ability and level to implement new development concepts and build a new development pattern, so as to provide a fundamental guarantee for achieving high-quality development. Adhere to the people-centered, adhere to the new development concept, adhere to the deepening of reform and opening up, and adhere to the system concept.

The plenary session put forward the main goals of economic and social development during the "14th Five-Year Plan" period. This is: new results in economic development, sustained and healthy economic development on the basis of significantly improved quality and efficiency, full growth potential, stronger domestic market, and economic structure More optimization, significantly improved innovation capabilities, advanced industrial foundations, a significant
improvement in the level of modernization of the industrial chain, a more stable agricultural foundation, a significant increase in the coordination of urban and rural development, and significant progress in the construction of a modern economic system; new steps in reform and opening up, socialism The market economy system has become more complete, a high-standard market system has basically been established, market entities have become more dynamic, the reform of the property rights system and the market-oriented allocation of factors have made significant progress, the fair competition system has become more complete, and a new higher-level open economy system has basically taken shape; The level of civilization has been newly improved, the core values of socialism have been deeply rooted in the hearts of the people, the people’s ideological and moral quality, scientific and cultural quality, and physical and mental health have been significantly improved, the public cultural service system and the cultural industry system have become more complete, the people’s spiritual and cultural life has become increasingly enriched, and the influence of Chinese culture Further improvement, the cohesion of the Chinese nation has been further enhanced; ecological civilization construction has achieved new progress, land and space development and protection patterns have been optimized, the green transformation of production and lifestyle has achieved remarkable results, the allocation of energy resources has been more reasonable, the utilization efficiency has been greatly improved, and the total discharge of major pollutants has continued Decrease, the ecological environment continues to improve, the ecological security barrier is firmer, and the urban and rural human settlement environment is significantly improved; people’s livelihood and well-being have reached a new level, fuller and higher-quality employment has been achieved, residents’ income growth and economic growth have basically been synchronized, the distribution structure has been significantly improved, and the basic public The level of equalization of services has been significantly improved, the education level of the whole people has been continuously improved, the multi-level social security system has been improved, the health system has been improved, the results of poverty alleviation have been consolidated and expanded, and the rural revitalization strategy has been comprehensively promoted; the effectiveness of national governance has been newly improved, and socialist democracy The rule of law has been improved, social fairness and justice have been further demonstrated, the national administrative system has been improved, the role of the government has been better played, administrative efficiency and credibility have been significantly improved, and the level of social governance, especially grassroots governance has improved significantly, and the prevention and resolution of major risks have been continuously improved. The emergency response capacity for public incidents has been significantly enhanced, the level of natural disaster prevention has been significantly improved, the development of security guarantees has become more effective, and major steps have been taken in the modernization of national defense and the military.

The plenary meeting proposed that innovation should be the core position of the overall situation in China’s modernization drive, technological independence and self-reliance should be the strategic support of the country’s development, facing the frontiers of world science and technology, facing the main economic battlefield, facing the major needs of the country, facing the people’s life and health, and thoroughly implementing science and education to rejuvenate the country. Strategy, talent strategy, innovation-driven development strategy, improve the national innovation system, and accelerate the building of a science and technology power. It is necessary to strengthen the national strategic scientific and technological strength, enhance the
technological innovation capabilities of enterprises, stimulate the innovative vitality of talents, and improve the scientific and technological innovation system and mechanism.

The plenary session proposed to accelerate the development of a modern industrial system and promote the optimization and upgrading of the economic system. Adhere to the focus of economic development on the real economy, unswervingly build a manufacturing power, a quality power, a network power, and a digital China, advance the advanced industrial base, modernize the industrial chain, and improve economic quality, efficiency, and core competitiveness. It is necessary to improve the modernization level of the industrial chain and supply chain, develop strategic emerging industries, accelerate the development of modern service industries, coordinate the advancement of infrastructure construction, accelerate the construction of a transportation power, promote the energy revolution, and accelerate the development of digitalization.

The plenary session proposed to form a strong domestic market and build a new development pattern. Adhere to the strategic basis of expanding domestic demand, accelerate the cultivation of a complete domestic demand system, organically integrate the implementation of the strategy of expanding domestic demand with the deepening of supply-side structural reforms, and lead and create new demand with innovation-driven, high-quality supply. It is necessary to smooth the domestic cycle, promote the domestic and international double cycle, comprehensively promote consumption, and expand investment space.

The plenary session proposed to comprehensively deepen reforms and build a high-level socialist market economy system. Adhere to and improve the basic socialist economic system, give full play to the decisive role of the market in the allocation of resources, give better play to the role of the government, and promote a better integration of effective markets and effective governments. It is necessary to stimulate the vitality of various market entities, improve macroeconomic governance, establish a modern fiscal, taxation and financial system, build a high-standard market system, and accelerate the transformation of government functions.

The plenary session proposed to give priority to the development of agricultural and rural areas and comprehensively promote rural revitalization. Persist in solving the "three rural issues" as the top priority of the whole party's work, take the road of socialist rural revitalization with Chinese characteristics, fully implement the rural revitalization strategy, strengthen the use of industry to supplement agriculture, use cities to lead the countryside, and promote the formation of mutual promotion between workers and farmers. A new type of industrial-agricultural-urban-rural relationship featuring complementary, coordinated development and common prosperity between urban and rural areas will accelerate the modernization of agriculture and rural areas. It is necessary to ensure national food security, improve agricultural quality, efficiency and competitiveness, implement rural construction activities, deepen rural reforms, and achieve an effective connection between the consolidation and expansion of the results of poverty alleviation and rural revitalization.

The plenary session proposed to optimize the spatial layout of the country and promote coordinated regional development and new urbanization. Persist in the implementation of major regional strategies, regional coordinated development strategies, and major functional area strategies, improve regional coordinated development systems and mechanisms, improve new
urbanization strategies, and build a high-quality development of land and space layout and support system. It is necessary to build a new pattern of land and space development and protection, promote coordinated regional development, and promote a new type of urbanization centered on people.

The plenary session proposed to prosper and develop cultural undertakings and cultural industries, and enhance the country’s cultural soft power. Adhere to the guiding position of Marxism in the field of ideology, strengthen cultural self-confidence, adhere to the core values of socialism to lead cultural construction, strengthen the construction of socialist spiritual civilization, and focus on the mission of raising the banner, gathering people’s hearts, cultivating new people, invigorating culture, and exhibiting image, To promote the unity of meeting the people’s cultural needs and enhancing the people’s spiritual strength, and promote the building of a socialist cultural power. It is necessary to improve the level of social civilization, improve the level of public cultural services, and improve the modern cultural industry system.

The plenary session proposed to promote green development and promote the harmonious coexistence of man and nature. Adhere to the concept that green water and green mountains are golden mountains and silver mountains, adhere to respecting nature, complying with nature, and protecting nature, insisting on giving priority to conservation, protection, and natural restoration, and guarding the boundaries of natural ecological security. Deepen the implementation of sustainable development strategies, improve the overall coordination mechanism in the field of ecological civilization, build an ecological civilization system, promote a comprehensive green transformation of economic and social development, and build a modernization of harmonious coexistence between man and nature. It is necessary to accelerate the promotion of green and low-carbon development, continuously improve environmental quality, enhance the quality and stability of the ecosystem, and comprehensively improve resource utilization efficiency.

The plenary session proposed to implement a high-level opening to the outside world and open up new prospects for cooperation and win-win results. Persist in opening to the outside world on a larger scale, in wider areas, and at a deeper level, relying on the advantages of China’s large market to promote international cooperation and achieve mutual benefit and win-win results. It is necessary to build a new higher-level open economic system, comprehensively improve the level of opening up, promote trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, advance trade innovation and development, promote the high-quality development of the "Belt and Road" joint construction, and actively participate in the reform of the global economic governance system.

The plenary session proposed to improve the quality of life of the people and raise the level of social construction. Adhere to the realization, maintenance, and development of the fundamental interests of the most people as the starting point and goal of development, do our best and do what we can, improve the basic public service system, improve the social governance system of joint construction, governance and sharing, and make solid progress We are prosperous together, and constantly enhance the people's sense of gain, happiness, and security, and promote the all-round development of people and the all-round progress of society. It is necessary to raise the income level of the people, strengthen the employment priority policy, build a high-quality education system, improve a multi-level social security system, comprehensively promote the construction of a healthy China, implement a national
strategy to actively respond to an aging population, and strengthen and innovate social governance.

The plenary session proposed to coordinate development and security to build a higher level of safe China. Adhere to the overall national security concept, implement national security strategies, maintain and shape national security, coordinate traditional security and non-traditional security, integrate security development into all fields and the entire process of national development, prevent and resolve various risks that affect China’s modernization process, and build Secure the national security barrier. It is necessary to strengthen the national security system and capacity building to ensure national economic security, guarantee the safety of people’s lives, and maintain social stability and security.

The plenum proposed to speed up the modernization of national defense and the armed forces, and realize the unity of a prosperous country and a strong military. Carry out Xi Jinping’s thought on strengthening the army, implement the military strategy of the new era, adhere to the party’s absolute leadership over the people’s army, insist on political army building, reform and strengthening the army, science and technology, talents strengthening the army, governing the army according to law, and accelerating the integration of mechanization, informatization, and intelligence. Develop, comprehensively strengthen military training and preparations, improve the strategic ability to defend national sovereignty, security, and development interests, and ensure the achievement of the goal of the century-old military in 2027. It is necessary to improve the quality and efficiency of national defense and military modernization, promote the simultaneous improvement of national defense and economic strength, build an integrated national strategic system and capabilities, promote the coordinated development of key regions, key areas, and emerging fields, optimize the layout of national defense technology and industry, and consolidate military-political military-civilian unity.

The plenary session emphasized that to achieve the "14th Five-Year Plan" and the long-term goal of 2035, we must adhere to the party's overall leadership, fully mobilize all positive factors, broadly unite all forces that can be united, and form a strong joint force to promote development. It is necessary to strengthen the centralized and unified leadership of the Party Central Committee, promote socialist political construction, and improve the planning and implementation mechanism. It is necessary to maintain the long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong and Macao, and promote the peaceful development of cross-strait relations and the reunification of the motherland. We must hold high the banner of peace, development, cooperation, and win-win, actively create a good external environment, and promote the construction of a new type of international relations and a community with a shared future for mankind.

The plenary session called on the whole party and the people of all ethnic groups to unite closely around the Party Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at the core, work together and fight stubbornly to win a new victory in building a modern socialist country in an all-round way!