## REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE

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Fellow Members,

On behalf of the Standing Committee of the 14th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), I present this report on our work for your deliberation.

#### I. Review of Our Work in 2024

The year 2024 marked the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. It was also a crucial year for fulfilling the goals and tasks set forth in the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021–2025). The CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core rallied and led the entire Party and the Chinese people of all ethnic groups in calmly responding to new developments and implementing policies with a holistic and systematic approach. As a result, the main economic and social development targets for the year were accomplished and major achievements were made in China's modernization drive. This has strengthened the resolve and confidence of the entire Party and all Chinese people to strive for new successes in building socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era.

Last year also marked the 75th anniversary of the founding of the CPPCC. At the conference commemorating this occasion, General Secretary Xi Jinping delivered an important speech, in which he spoke highly of the historic contributions of the CPPCC and underscored the CPPCC's distinctive Chinese characteristics and significant political strengths. He outlined the 10 principles underpinning his key ideas on strengthening and improving CPPCC work, specified requirements for advancing extensive, multilevel, and institutionalized development of consultative democracy, and laid out comprehensive guidelines for CPPCC work at present and in the period to come. Characterized by strategic vision, penetrating insight, and rich content, his speech shines with the light of truth inherent in our commitment to integrating the basic tenets of Marxism with China's specific realities and fine traditional Chinese culture. It charts the course and provides fundamental guidance for advancing the cause of the CPPCC on the new journey in the new era.

Under the strong leadership of the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core, the CPPCC National Committee and its Standing Committee have followed the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era; acquired a deep understanding of the decisive significance of establishing both Comrade Xi Jinping's core position on the CPC Central Committee and in the Party as a whole and the guiding role of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era; enhanced consciousness of the need to maintain political integrity, think in big-picture terms, follow the leadership core, and keep in alignment with the CPC central leadership; stayed confident in the path, theory, system, and culture of socialism with Chinese characteristics; upheld both Comrade Xi Jinping's core position on the CPC Central Committee and in the Party as a whole and the CPC Central Committee's authority and its centralized, unified leadership; fully implemented the guiding principles from the 20th National Congress of the CPC and the second and third plenary sessions of the 20th CPC Central Committee.

Regarding the CPC's leadership, the united front, and consultative democracy as an indivisible whole, we remained true to the nature and position of the CPPCC. Committed to ensuring that the CPPCC serves the people, we concentrated on the central tasks of the CPC and the country to fulfill our responsibilities and enhanced our capacity to perform duties with a spirit of reform and innovation. As a result, continued progress was secured in all our work.

Over the past year, under the top-of-the-agenda system, a total of 221 meetings were convened by the leading CPC members' group of the National Committee, the Chairpersons Council, the leading CPC members' group of the National Committee's general office, the secretaries-general, and the CPC branch groups and directors of special committees in order to promptly communicate, study, and implement the guiding principles from General Secretary Xi Jinping's important speeches and directives.

We hosted 85 consultation and deliberation sessions in various forms and organized 99 research and inspection tours. These tours covered a total of 31 provinces (autonomous regions and municipalities directly under the central government), 263 cities (prefectures and leagues), and 452 counties (county-level cities, districts, and banners).

Last year, the National Committee received a total of 6,019 proposals from its members, of which 5,091 were accepted for processing. The response rate for accepted proposals was 99.9 percent, with formal replies being issued to over 1,800 members. We also received 54,317 communications from various sectors of society, with 11,323 of these being adopted. On this basis, we compiled and released 1,728 news bulletins. Moreover, we submitted 1,016 reports to leading officials of the CPC Central Committee and the State Council, and received 819 comments from them on various suggestions related to state affairs. We also received 53 feedback reports from localities and relevant departments.

Members of the National Committee's leading CPC members' group engaged in open discussions with non-CPC members, with an attendance of 324; a total of 870 CPC members from the National Committee made contact with 1,257 non-CPC members; 20 themed inspection tours were organized for non-CPC members. In addition, the democratic parties, the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce, and personages without party affiliation submitted 654 proposals to the National Committee and delivered 344 speeches at important meetings. With a total participation of National Committee members reaching 19,557, we hosted 6,501 activities under the theme of "Better Services for the People" and organized 10,516 events to engage with people across various sectors, thus serving more than one million people.

Over the course of the year, attendance at consultation and deliberation sessions of National Committee members reached 7,748, while their participation in inspections, field visits, and research tours reached 1,227. A total of 2,005 members contributed to proposal work, and 1,277 members reported on social conditions and public sentiment. Seventy-one members made oral statements at the second session of the 14th CPPCC National Committee as well as meetings of its Standing Committee. The international exchange events hosted by the National Committee registered a total attendance of 269. In addition, 33 National Committee members were presented with the Annual Outstanding Performance Award. Last year, the National Committee focused on the following four areas in carrying out its functions.

1. Upholding the CPC's overall leadership over CPPCC work and implementing General Secretary Xi Jinping's major directives and the CPC Central Committee's decisions and plans

Fully recognizing the clear political nature of the CPPCC as both a system and an organization, we upheld the CPC's leadership in all aspects and stages of our work. We intensified efforts to communicate, study, and implement the principles from important speeches, directives, and instructions of General Secretary Xi Jinping while formulating specific plans for these efforts. In line with this, we submitted follow-up inspection reports to the CPC Central Committee on our efforts to apply important directives and instructions issued by General Secretary Xi Jinping in 2023 as well as the guidelines laid down at the Central Conference on CPPCC Work held in 2019. We worked to ensure that each of General Secretary Xi Jinping's directives and instructions on CPPCC work was fully implemented. Additionally, we strictly followed the system of requesting instructions and submitting reports on major issues to the CPC Central Committee.

Over the past year, we issued a total of 88 guidelines and plans to implement the guiding principles from General Secretary Xi Jinping's important speeches, as well as from important meetings and documents of the CPC central leadership, with a commitment to diligent execution.

2. Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the CPPCC's establishment and staying confident in the path, theory, system, and culture of socialism with Chinese characteristics

Our top priority in this respect was to study and implement the guiding principles from General Secretary Xi Jinping's speech at the conference marking the 75th anniversary of the CPPCC. Dedicated meetings were convened to study and formulate specific implementation plans for this end, including an enlarged meeting of the leading CPC members' group of the National Committee, a Chairpersons Council meeting, a Chairpersons Council brain-storming session, and a Standing Committee meeting. We also organized a series of themed and theoretical seminars for National Committee members. In addition, 22 study reports by the Chairpersons Council members were published in the *CPPCC Daily*. To mark the anniversary, we also held painting and calligraphy exhibitions and released a number of books, including the *CPPCC's Role in Founding the People's Republic of China*.

Through these commemorative activities, members of the National Committee and officials in its general office have gained a deeper understanding of the CPPCC's glorious history, political strengths, and mission as well as a firmer grasp of the essence and powerful truth of General Secretary Xi Jinping's important ideas on strengthening and improving CPPCC work. This has inspired in us an even stronger sense of responsibility and mission for accomplishing the tasks of the CPPCC.

3. Thoroughly studying the guiding principles from the third plenary session of the 20th CPC Central Committee and contributing suggestions and proposals on further deepening reform comprehensively to advance Chinese modernization

Studying and implementing the guiding principles from the third plenary session of the 20th CPC Central Committee has served as a major political task for the CPPCC National Committee. Through study sessions for the theoretical study group of the leading CPC members' group of the National Committee and report and lecture sessions, we have developed an in-depth understanding of General Secretary Xi Jinping's new ideas, viewpoints, and conclusions on comprehensively deepening reform, and fully grasped the main theme, major principles, key measures, and fundamental guarantees for further deepening reform in an all-round way. In line with the plans set forth at the third plenary session for improving the mechanisms for consultative democracy, we revised some essential regulations on our work, such as reporting on social conditions and public opinion. We also improved the special topic research system, which is led by members of the Chairpersons Council and features cooperation between special committees. Under this system, we conducted 42 research projects focused on promoting the development of new quality productive forces, new urbanization, and other major issues of strategic, overarching, and future significance. These efforts have enabled us to conduct more in-depth research on major issues and offer more effective support for decision-making.

4. Leveraging the fundamental role of special committees and better harnessing the enthusiasm, initiative, and creativity of our members

As part of our efforts to study and apply General Secretary Xi Jinping's important ideas concerning the work of special committees, we held 10 seminars to solicit opinions and suggestions from special committees on strengthening and improving their work. We also convened a conference on the work of special committees and formulated guidelines on giving further play to their fundamental role. We developed or revised seven institutional documents including those on maximizing the role of National Committee members in fulfilling their duties and on providing them with high-quality services. This has resulted in more extensive participation in research projects and consultations as well as increased efforts to ensure the practical application of outcomes delivered in members' duty performance. We improved the mechanisms for routine communication, service management, performance tracking, and feedback transmission, while expanding the functions of our mobile working platform. With all these efforts, we developed the CPPCC into a true home for National Committee members – a place of unity and democracy.

In performing its duties over the past year, the Standing Committee of the CPPCC National Committee carried out the following major tasks.

1. Applying Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era to build cohesion and inner strength and consolidate the shared theoretical and political foundation for concerted endeavors

We took Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era as the overarching philosophy guiding CPPCC work and made this thought a subject of our study. In this regard, 13 meetings of the leading CPC members' group of the National Committee, 17 meetings of the Chairpersons Council, 4 study sessions of the theoretical study group of the leading CPC members' group, 4 collective study sessions of the Chairpersons Council, and 4 study and reporting sessions of the Standing Committee were convened last year.

In addition, study groups for Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era convened 55 seminars with a total attendance of 1,524. We also established a system for members of the Chairpersons Council to carry out study and research activities at locations where National Committee members work. Under this system, 74 research tours were organized—the majority involving on-site learning—with total participation among National Committee members reaching 711.

We arranged 66 online and offline reading and study activities for National Committee members with the main focus on General Secretary Xi Jinping's important statements and compilations. To enhance political training, we launched two themed seminars for National Committee members and nine training courses for officials of CPPCC committees at all levels, with attendance totaling 8,657. Furthermore, we arranged for National Committee members to study relevant important statements of General Secretary Xi Jinping prior to attending all major consultation meetings, inspections, field visits, research tours, and democratic oversight activities, thereby ensuring they received sound theoretical guidance for performing their duties.

We stepped up theoretical research work, completing research on 85 major topics and holding 4 theoretical seminars. The China CPPCC Theory Research Association completed its transition to a new term. The *People's Daily, Qiushi,* and news media affiliated with the CPPCC National Committee published a total of 807 articles by CPPCC members, including members of the Chairpersons Council and leading members of special committees.

2. Fulfilling duties and offering suggestions with a focus on the central tasks of the CPC and the country and improving the efficacy of consultations and deliberations

In the execution of the annual consultation plan approved by the CPC Central Committee, 2 subject-specific deliberative meetings of the Standing Committee, 2 special consultative meetings, 13 biweekly consultative forums, 4 online consultations, 13 expert consultations, 2 consultations with local CPPCC committees, 9 sector-specific consultations, 11 consultative meetings with relevant departments, 18 proposal handling consultations, and 11 briefings on major issues of public concern were carried out.

Consultations and deliberations covered numerous topics, including the following: developing systems for a higher-standard open economy, building cultural confidence and strength, promoting high-quality population development, advancing high-standard opening up, driving high-quality development of the financial sector, reinforcing the foundation of food security, consolidating and expanding our achievements in poverty alleviation, working unswervingly to consolidate and develop the public sector and unswervingly to encourage, support, and guide the development of the non-public sector, fostering a law-based business environment, implementing the strategy for upgrading pilot free trade zones, leveraging the role of Hong Kong and Macao in developing new institutions for a higher-standard open economy, deepening reform of the talent cultivation models of higher education institutions, promoting the high-quality development of eco-friendly industries, advancing the application of artificial intelligence across multiple scenarios, supporting employment of college graduates, caring for and serving people with disabilities, building a childbirth-friendly society, and improving the elderly care service system.

We also held four seminars to assess the macroeconomic landscape with a focus on stabilizing the economy, ensuring the people's wellbeing, and guarding against risks. The work plan for advancing democratic oversight by the National Committee was formulated. We conducted democratic oversight of 14 key issues concerning the implementation of the 14th Five-Year Plan and related fields, including the efforts to steadily improve the development environment for private enterprises and build a beautiful and harmonious countryside that is desirable for living and working.

We recommended 21 members of the National Committee to serve as special supervisors at the National Commission of Supervision, 30 members to become special inspectors at the Supreme People's Court, 1 member to serve as a specially invited member of the Supreme People's Court's Judicial Disciplinary Committee and 1 member to join the Supreme People's Procuratorate's Prosecutorial Disciplinary Committee, and 10 members to serve as inspectors for Party conduct, political integrity, and work ethics at the Ministry of Public Security.

3. Developing new and better approaches in regular work to improve the performance of duties

Based on the principle of placing the quality of proposals above their quantity, we exercised coordinated oversight over the handling of key and non-key proposals, improved the mechanisms for reviewing proposals when the National Committee is not in session, and held a work symposium on proposal submissions. A total of 77 key proposals were selected to be handled under oversight, 31 of which were overseen under the guidance of 24 members of the Chairpersons Council. Special committees, meanwhile, participated in overseeing the handling of 700 non-key proposals.

We improved the mechanisms for consultations on selecting information topics and for the compilation, submission, and release of information. Greater efforts were made to leverage CPPCC information channels to publicize the outcomes delivered in performing our duties, including proposals, conference speeches, and the results of consultations, deliberations, talks, discussions, research, and inspections. In total, 275 related bulletins were compiled and published.

A responsibility system for ideological work was put into effect, and a mechanism was established to coordinate the communication work and media coverage of the National Committee. News media affiliated to the National Committee ran 681 articles on the major duty performing activities of the National Committee and 4,204 on those of its members. In addition, 772 conference speeches were collected for distribution, with 507 of these published in the form of bulletins or news reports.

We launched an initiative to collect historical materials reflecting the great achievements of reform and opening up. We compiled and published 25 Years of Transformation: A Firsthand Account of Macao's Development since Its Return to China and other books related to cultural and historical materials. We hosted 8 committee member science lectures and 3 lectures on culture and history, held 27 science popularization tours, and organized various activities to serve the people. Such activities included the organization of campus visits by National Committee members' enterprises to promote employment of new graduates and the arrangement of outreach activities in local communities to improve public wellbeing. We handled 153 items requiring consultations on laws, regulations, and important documents forwarded by 70 departments. Total participation among committee members and experts in this work reached 250 and the number of suggested revisions totaled 323.

4. Giving full play to the role of the CPPCC as a united front organization to achieve the greatest possible convergence of interests

In line with our commitment to forging great unity and solidarity, the general office of the National Committee published guidelines on providing services and support to members from democratic parties and those without party affiliation to help them better play their roles. In addition, relevant special committees of the National Committee teamed up with the central committees of democratic parties and the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce to conduct 23 research tours and 9 consultation sessions.

We formulated a work plan for forging a strong sense of community for the Chinese nation and organized the compilation of a work titled 100 Lectures on the Chinese National Community in Historical and Cultural Development. Under the theme of "CPPCC members promoting interactions, exchanges, and integration among ethnic groups," we organized a series of activities to help National Committee members from ethnic minorities and religious groups play their roles in promoting identification with the motherland, the Chinese nation, the Chinese culture, the CPC, and socialism with Chinese characteristics among people of all ethnic groups. We also built closer contacts with intellectuals who are not CPC members and people from the non-public sector and new social groups.

A system to facilitate visits to National Committee members in Hong Kong and Macao was implemented. We continued to arrange inspection tours aimed at deepening exchanges and cooperation between the mainland and Hong Kong and Macao, and supported the organization of report sessions to update young people in Hong Kong and Macao on national conditions as a form of campus outreach. Last year, National Committee members held 75 report sessions in the two regions.

The 7th Cross-Strait Community-Level Governance Forum and the 18th He Luo Culture Symposium were held with our support. To rally the support and harness the strength of overseas Chinese, we hosted visits from 25 overseas Chinese groups with a total participation of 522. Moreover, our members also traveled abroad to offer greetings to overseas Chinese nationals and engaged in dialogue and exchanges that registered a total attendance of over 1,000 from overseas Chinese communities.

5. Deepening friendly exchanges on the international stage and serving the overall diplomatic work of the CPC and the country

Based on the realities of CPPCC work, we took coordinated measures to carry out public diplomacy, people-to-people diplomacy, and think tank diplomacy, and provided services and support for major foreign-related activities, such as the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation. The National Committee and its affiliated organizations carried out 221 foreign exchange activities, with the attendance of guests from 140 countries and 11 regional and international organizations reaching over 2,600. On six occasions, National Committee leaders led delegations to attend major events abroad either as special representatives of Comrade Xi Jinping in his capacity as the CPC's General Secretary or as his envoys in his role as Chinese President. They also attended foreign affairs events at home with a total attendance of 187 and made 23 official overseas visits.

We hosted seven "Experience the CPPCC" events, receiving 340 visits to the office of the National Committee. We expanded exchanges with renowned overseas think tanks and foreign non-governmental organizations and established new contacts with 67 organizations in 28 countries. The National Committee leveraged the role of its Sino-African friendship group and set up a Sino-Cambodian friendship group. The transition of the China Economic and Social Council to a new term was completed. We also assisted the council in holding the Round Table of the Chinese and African Economic and Social Councils, the Sino-EU Round Table, and the China Economic and Social Forum under the theme of "promoting a human community with a shared future and working as one to build a modern world." Through these events, we helped share more information about the dynamic practices of the Chinese modernization endeavors. The China Committee on Religion and Peace also completed its transition to a new term, and we supported its participation in activities held by Religions for Peace and Asian Conference of Religions for Peace.

# 6. Stepping up self-improvement efforts and enhancing the systems, standards, and procedures for CPPCC work

With the launch of a study campaign for CPC discipline, CPC members on the National Committee, as well as CPC members and officials within the bodies of its general office, received education and guidance on studying, understanding, and observing Party discipline on the basis of clearly defining its boundaries and significance. The Work Plan for Party Building in the CPPCC National Committee (2024–2027) was formulated, and the leading CPC members' group of the National Committee drew up guidelines on improving the system for exercising full and rigorous Party self-governance. We made consistent and sustained efforts to improve conduct and strictly complied with the CPC central leadership's eight-point decision on improving work conduct and the detailed rules for its implementation. We also improved our meeting culture, writing style, and the way we conduct research and studies, streamlined documents and meetings, and rectified pointless formalities to ease burdens at the primary level.

We continued with efforts to enact, revise, and abolish rules and regulations. Last year, we formulated or revised 61 sets of regulations concerning the work of the National Committee and its general office and reviewed 84 relevant normative documents, with 30 of these being repealed or annulled. In doing so, we ensured the effective implementation of all rules and regulations. The leading CPC members' group of the National Committee launched dedicated inspections of the CPC branch groups in certain special committees, while the leading CPC members' group of its general office carried out inspections of Party organizations in eight bureau-level agencies under the National Committee.

In line with General Secretary Xi Jinping's important requirements to thoroughly understand the CPPCC's role, be adept at consultation and deliberation, abide by the rules and disciplinary regulations, and act with integrity, we intensified efforts to build up the contingents of National Committee members and general office officials with a focus on strengthening their political commitment and duty performing capability. We strengthened oversight and enforced strict discipline among our members. Provisions on dealing with CPPCC Members who violate the CPPCC Charter were formulated, and 15 people were removed from the National Committee in accordance with the Charter. Members of the Chairpersons Council paid 335 visits to local National Committee members during research tours in different localities. We saw to it that the National Committee's general office fulfilled its principal responsibilities for Party building and strengthened the building of the CPPCC as a political body, thereby creating a clean and honest environment that encourages dedication and hard work.

#### Fellow Members,

We owe our achievements over the past year to the firm leadership of the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core, to the sound guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, to the strong support of all sectors of society, and to the concerted efforts of all CPPCC participating organizations and all CPPCC members. For this, on behalf of the Standing Committee, I would like to express our sincere gratitude.

Meanwhile, we are aware that there is still room for improvement in our work. We need to improve the CPPCC consultation systems and mechanisms and the mechanisms for adopting, implementing, and providing feedback on consultation outcomes. We need to expand the coverage of channels and platforms for bolstering unity and friendship, intensify implementation of measures in consultative oversight, and give full play to the unique role of different sectors. Going forward, we will take solid steps to make improvements in these aspects.

### II. Major Tasks for 2025

This year is the final year of the 14th Five-Year Plan and it is also a pivotal year for further deepening reform comprehensively. With this in mind, the CPPCC will follow the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era; ensure a thorough understanding of the decisive significance of establishing both Comrade Xi Jinping's core position on the CPC Central Committee and in the Party as a whole and the guiding role of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era; enhance consciousness of the need to maintain political integrity, think in big-picture terms, follow the leadership core, and keep in alignment with the CPC central leadership; stay confident in the path, theory, system, and culture of socialism with Chinese characteristics; and uphold both Comrade Xi Jinping's core position on the CPC Central Committee and in the Party as a whole and the CPC Central Committee and in the Party as a whole and the CPC Central Committee and in the Party as a whole and the CPC Central Committee and in the Party as a whole and the CPC Central Committee and in the Party as a whole and the CPC Central Committee and in the Party as a whole and the CPC Central Committee and in the Party as a whole and the CPC Central Committee's authority and its

centralized, unified leadership. We will fully implement the guidelines from the 20th CPC National Congress, the second and third plenary sessions of the 20th CPC Central Committee, and General Secretary Xi Jinping's speech at the conference marking the 75th anniversary of the CPPCC's founding. We will fulfill our political responsibilities of implementing the CPC Central Committee's decisions and plans, of meeting its requirements for CPPCC work, and of pooling the wisdom and strength of all Chinese people, both at home and abroad. We will focus on the central task of economic development, serve the overall interests of the country, and facilitate the fulfillment of the goals and tasks in the 14th Five-Year Plan to a high standard so as to lay a solid foundation for a good start to the 15th Five-Year Plan (2026–2030).

1. We will uphold the CPC's overall leadership over CPPCC work.

The CPC's leadership provides a basic guarantee for advancing the CPPCC's cause. We must be clearly aware that the CPC's leadership over the CPPCC is both comprehensive and concrete in nature. We must closely follow the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core in terms of political stance, orientation, principles, and path. We have a commitment to upholding both Comrade Xi Jinping's core position on the CPC Central Committee and in the Party as a whole and the CPC Central Committee's authority and its centralized, unified leadership, and it must be reflected in our efforts to serve the central task of economic development and the overall interests of the country, and in all stages and every aspect of fulfilling the functions of political consultation, democratic oversight, and participation in deliberation on state affairs.

Regarding the leadership of the CPC, the united front, and consultative democracy as an indivisible whole, we will refine the systems and mechanisms for the CPC's leadership over CPPCC work, better leverage the CPPCC's unique political strengths in advancing whole-process people's democracy, and encourage all political parties, people's organizations, and public figures from all ethnic groups and sectors of society to further promote political unity and cooperation, jointly pursue theoretical progress, and move forward in unison.

2. We will strengthen theoretical and political guidance to build extensive consensus.

The complex circumstances and formidable tasks we face make it all the more important for us to remain united as one. This means further consolidating the great unity of the Chinese people of all ethnic groups, forging a strong sense of community for the Chinese nation, and promoting great solidarity among all the sons and daughters of the Chinese nation at home and abroad. To consolidate the shared theoretical and political foundation for our concerted endeavors, we will continue to equip ourselves with the CPC's new theories and hold book reading sessions, theoretical workshops, and political training for National Committee members on a regular basis. We will assist the Party and the central government in communicating policies to the public, addressing problems, stabilizing expectations, and boosting confidence, and help people from various sectors and relevant parties understand economic situations and overall trends through a comprehensive and balanced perspective, in an effort to champion China's underlying values and spread positive energy.

With sincerity and a sense of responsibility, we will strengthen unity and friendship while promoting open dialogue. We will see that National Committee members maintain close contact with people from the sectors they represent and fulfill their duties effectively to serve the public. In doing so, we will better reflect the sentiments of the people, address their concerns, and deliver tangible benefits to them, thereby expanding the coverage and enhancing the effectiveness of our work to fortify unity and friendship. We will explore new ways of fostering friendly exchanges with other countries and support National Committee members in making their voice heard abroad, effectively sharing China's stories and stories of people's democracy.

3. We will participate in deliberation and propose suggestions on state affairs in close relation to advancing Chinese modernization.

Serving the advancement of Chinese modernization will be the main task of our work. Focusing on the concerns of the CPC Central Committee and the general public, we will carry out extensive fact-finding and research activities on major strategic issues with a bearing on national economic and social development so as to provide the CPC Central Committee with forthright counsel and sensible suggestions for formulating the 15th Five-Year Plan. We will effectively implement the 2025 CPPCC consultation plan approved by the CPC Central Committee. In this regard, we will carry out in-depth consultations and deliberations, and work to offer suggestions that are forward-looking, targeted and practical. In doing so, we will better facilitate sound decision-making and effective implementation of policies through high-quality consultation and insightful proposals. Moreover, we will leverage the strengths of consultative oversight to promote the implementation of the CPC Central Committee's major decisions and plans.

4. *We will improve the mechanisms for consultative democracy.* 

We will act on the important arrangements made at the 20th National Congress of the CPC for fully developing consultative democracy and carry out the task of improving the mechanisms for consultative democracy set forth at the third plenary session of the 20th CPC Central Committee. To this end, we will advance the development of consultative democracy in the CPPCC and encourage our members to place themselves at the forefront of the concrete endeavors to pool the strength and will of the people, carry out decision-making consultations, promote consultative democracy, and participate in the governance of the country.

We will refine the mechanisms that enable in-depth consultations and interactions, full expression of opinions, and formation of broad consensus, revise the rules on the consultation work of the CPPCC National Committee, and improve the mechanisms for adopting, implementing, and providing feedback on consultation outcomes. We will strengthen the mechanisms through which the CPPCC reports on social conditions and public opinion, stays in contact with the people, and provides them with services. Moves will also be made to revise the rules on inspections and field visits of CPPCC National Committee members, refine the mechanisms for democratic oversight by the CPPCC, and better leverage the fundamental roles of its special committees and the unique roles of different sectors. These efforts will help enhance the effectiveness of the CPPCC as a specialized consultative body.

#### Fellow Members,

Further deepening reform comprehensively is both a formidable task and a glorious mission, and the future of Chinese modernization is filled with bright prospects. Firmly keeping in mind General Secretary Xi Jinping's earnest instructions, we must cherish our political identity, cultivate our political character, and enhance our political competence. We must take the initiative in our studies, improve our research capabilities, and develop a strong sense of responsibility. In doing so, we will demonstrate the ethos of the times by performing our duties to a high standard. Let us rally more closely around the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core and elevate the work of the CPPCC to a new level on the new journey in the new era with firm confidence in securing success and collective strength for forging ahead. Let us rally the support of the people, build greater consensus, and pool wisdom and strength for advancing Chinese modernization!