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Fellow Members,

On behalf of the Standing Committee of the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), I present this report on our work for deliberation.

## **I. 2020 in Review: Pooling the Strength and Will of the People behind the Central Tasks of the CPC and the Country**

Last year was an extraordinary year in the history of the People's Republic of China. In the face of grave and complex circumstances and tasks, and unprecedented risks and challenges, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core rallied and led the entire Party and the Chinese people in uniting as one, working hard, and turning risks into opportunities. We scored major strategic success in our response to Covid-19. We secured a complete victory in the battle against poverty. We brought the 13th Five-Year Plan to a successful conclusion, and made historic achievements in building a moderately prosperous society in all respects. Our accomplishments, which have won the approval of our people and recognition further afield, will go down in history.

Under the strong leadership of the CPC Central Committee, the CPPCC National Committee and its Standing Committee followed the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, earnestly fulfilled their duties with a focus on the coordinated advancement of Covid-19 control and economic and social development, strengthened theoretical and political guidance with a view to addressing major concerns among society, and improved efficiency by enhancing the system under which the CPPCC serves as a specialized consultative body. We made proactive contributions toward realizing the goals set out in the 13th Five-Year Plan, opened up new prospects for working as a specialized consultative body, and achieved fresh success in serving the central tasks of the Party and the country.

### *1. Enhancing theoretical study and consolidating a shared political foundation*

With the theoretical study group of the leading Party members' group charting the course of study, we achieved solid results in the collective study sessions of the

leading Party members' group, the Chairpersons Council, and the Standing Committee. Eleven study groups on Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era organized 46 study sessions. In these sessions, we conducted systematic study of *Xi Jinping: The Governance of China III*, studied General Secretary Xi's most recent speeches, and delved into the guiding principles of the 19th CPC Central Committee's Fifth Plenary Session, while also studying the guidelines of the Central Conference on CPPCC Work on an ongoing basis.

We carried out extensive reading activities for National Committee members. A total of 47 reading groups were established on different subject matters, including the notion that lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets, the rural revitalization initiative, the need to build a strong sense of community for the Chinese nation, the digital economy, the history of epidemic control, and the building of a human community with a shared future. More than 140,000 reflections on readings were shared by members, receiving over 1.1 million views online.

We made progress in applying the results of our theoretical study and reading activities. We publicized National Committee members' important opinions and suggestions through news bulletins, reports on reading activities, and leaflets containing selected articles; and disseminated consensus through new-media platforms. The online column on studying the Civil Code got 60 million hits. In this way, we promoted self-teaching, consultation, and discussion among CPPCC members, which enabled them to give better guidance to different social sectors. Our reading activities have helped foster a culture of reading both within the CPPCC and in society at large.

Through continuous learning, we have enhanced our consciousness of the need to maintain political integrity, think in big-picture terms, follow the leadership core, and keep in alignment with the central Party leadership; increased our confidence in the path, theory, system, and culture of socialism with Chinese characteristics; and stiffened our determination to uphold General Secretary Xi Jinping's core position on the CPC Central Committee and in the Party as a whole, and to uphold the CPC Central Committee's authority and its centralized, unified leadership. The CPPCC has thus been able to better fulfill its role as an important

platform for uniting, advising, and guiding representatives of all ethnic groups and sectors of society with the innovative theories of the CPC.

2. *Fulfilling our consultative duties more proactively and contributing to the Covid-19 response and economic and social development*

Acting on the decisions and plans of the CPC Central Committee, we promptly engaged the participating organizations of the CPPCC, its special committees, and members from different social sectors in the fight against Covid-19. Working to improve major epidemic prevention and control mechanisms and facilitate the resumption of production and business operations, we actively supported the efforts to ensure stability on six fronts and maintain security in six areas.<sup>1</sup>

In addition, we helped inform the Central Committee's decision making and the implementation of such decisions in relevant departments by engaging in consultations and providing suggestions during meetings and forums and on our mobile platform. We set up a fast track procedure for handling proposals, published a total of 249 issues of the *Daily Report on Social Conditions* and submitted 699 proposals. To pay tribute to heroes in the fight against Covid-19 and exalt their spirit, we organized an inspection tour of Hubei Province for a team of National Committee members from 34 social sectors, which was a profound educational experience for all participants.

CPPCC members demonstrated a great sense of responsibility as they worked bravely on different fronts of the fight against Covid-19, taking part in efforts such as treating patients, pursuing scientific and technological breakthroughs, and keeping business operations and employment stable. They thus completed many special assignments in what was an extremely unusual year.

We conducted various forms of consultation and made full use of online consultation to ensure that National Committee members performed their duties in a rigorous, orderly, and consistent fashion while adhering to routine Covid-19 control measures. Over the past year, we held 23 consultation sessions and organized 80 inspections, surveys, and research tours. To facilitate the formulation

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<sup>1</sup> The six fronts refer to employment, the financial sector, foreign trade, foreign investment, domestic investment, and expectations. The six areas refer to job security, basic living needs, operations of market entities, food and energy security, stable industrial and supply chains, and the normal functioning of county-level governments.

of the 14th Five-Year Plan, we held discussion sessions in the form of committee members' seminars, video conferences, and meetings to assess developments.

Building on all this, the Standing Committee held a special meeting for engaging in consultations and offering suggestions in a focused setting. We held special consultations on promoting cooperation on innovation in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and on advancing cultural programs in the implementation of the rural revitalization strategy.

We also carried out surveys and deliberations on several key issues. These included improving the business environment, forestalling and defusing financial risks in key sectors, fostering innovative high-tech enterprises, modernizing agriculture and rural areas, training legal professionals well versed in international norms, supporting flexible employment through various channels, promoting ecological conservation and high-quality development in the Yellow River basin, protecting the environment and ecosystems of grasslands, and protecting and developing marine resources.

We helped achieve victory in the critical battle against poverty in various ways. Special committees conducted joint surveys with the central committees of democratic parties and the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce. We had video chats with members of local CPPCC committees and the general public, held tele-consultations on establishing a long-term mechanism to address relative poverty, and monitored the handling of key proposals on consolidating poverty alleviation achievements in the western region during the 14th Five-Year Plan period, as part of our consultative oversight role. We promptly reported the results of our consultative work, publishing 2,547 news bulletins on various issues. We received a total of 5,974 proposals, 5,044 of which were accepted and filed.

### *3. Building broad consensus and creating positivity for unity and cooperation*

We created new and better ways of conducting open discussions, committee-member lecture programs, and awareness-raising tours for major and special tasks, enhanced the framework for building consensus inside and outside the CPC and among CPPCC members and people from different social sectors, and developed the CPPCC as an important channel for addressing conflicts and building consensus on our shared theoretical and political foundation.

Members of the National Committee's leading Party members' group held talks with non-CPC members on 300 occasions to learn about their circumstances and have face-to-face exchanges. We held 10 briefings on major issues of public concern and 11 topic-specific inspection tours aimed at self-teaching and self-improvement. Leveraging the influence of our members, we arranged 14 awareness-raising tours for major and special tasks and hosted 12 committee-member lecture programs to explain policies to people from different social sectors and the general public, address concerns and doubts, and guide expectations. These programs and corresponding media coverage received over 200 million views.

We put in place institutional mechanisms for the democratic parties to present proposals and speeches in their respective names, and co-hosted major consultations with democratic parties and the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce. We held special consultative forums for members from ethnic minority groups and religious groups. We organized briefings and forums for National Committee members from Hong Kong and Macao. We co-hosted an exhibition to mark the 75th anniversary of the recovery of Taiwan from Japanese occupation, as well as the third Straits forum on community-level governance as part of the 12th Straits Forum. We invited representatives of the young generation of overseas Chinese nationals to attend CPPCC study sessions and tours across China.

We helped National Committee members from Hong Kong and Macao build a stronger sense of political responsibility, and supported the governments and chief executives of the two regions in exercising law-based governance. We encouraged National Committee members from Hong Kong to issue statements calling for the enactment and enforcement of the National Security Law for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

We engaged in foreign exchanges through both "cloud diplomacy" and offline interactions. Via statements, forums, and interviews with National Committee members, we denounced in the strongest terms US legislation concerning Xinjiang, Tibet, and Hong Kong as well as anti-China bills regarding Covid-19 and the falsehoods peddled by certain US politicians. We also supported the China

Economic and Social Council and the China Committee on Religion and Peace in making clear China's position and its principles on such issues.

*4. Improving our working mechanisms to promote thorough and effective implementation of the guiding principles of the Central Conference on CPPCC Work*

With a focus on the major tasks to which we must devote ourselves in the new era, we improved the working mechanisms of the CPPCC. We formulated the rules on the consultation work of the CPPCC National Committee, which define the scope, forms, principles, and procedures for consultation, set up a mechanism for conducting in-depth studies of major strategic issues, encouraged members to conduct research on their own initiative, and built a pool of specialists for participating in and deliberating on state affairs. These moves have provided sounder standards and institutions for our consultation work.

We formulated and implemented the guidelines on improving our work concerning consensus building. With the platforms, working mechanisms, objectives, and targets of this work further defined, we formed institutions for translating the Party's propositions into consensus among people from all sectors of society via the CPPCC's democratic consultation procedures and effective actions.

We revised measures for selecting key proposals and overseeing their execution, in an effort to raise the quality of the proposal handling process. We also formulated and implemented guidelines on fostering a strong sense of responsibility among members. In addition to specifying members' responsibilities, we have stressed the need to place equal emphasis on positive incentives and disciplinary restraints, encourage members to keep in contact with and serve people from different sectors of society, and commend outstanding members.

*5. Intensifying self-improvement efforts and enhancing the quality of our work*

We implemented the system of overall leadership by the CPC over CPPCC work and conducted rigorous inspections to ensure the implementation of General Secretary Xi Jinping's major instructions and the CPC Central Committee's major decisions and plans, thus allowing the CPPCC to better exert its role as an important platform for upholding and strengthening the CPC's leadership over all endeavors.

We refined systems for keeping records on members' performance and for annual performance reports to be submitted by Standing Committee members, and continued the practice of commenting on the performance of Standing Committee members who are also CPC members. We instituted a mechanism for National Committee members who are not on the Standing Committee to attend Standing Committee meetings in a nonvoting capacity on a group-by-group basis. Drawing on the success of our approach to holding the 3rd Session of the 13th National Committee, we shortened the length of Standing Committee meetings while also continuing to improve our meeting culture and style of writing.

We conducted more fruitful field studies in a number of ways, including video-based studies, questionnaire surveys, and report selection activities. We improved the mechanism of seeking feedback on the outcomes of consultations and deliberations on state affairs. We implemented the responsibility system for theoretical and publicity work, and enhanced our capacity for engaging in and managing news and public communication-related activities.

In line with the guiding principles of the conference on the work of special committees of the National Committee, we revised the general rules for special committees, and gave full play to their role in maintaining contact with people from different sectors of society and providing services to National Committee members. As a result, their competence and fundamental function in the work of the CPPCC have been reinforced.

We convened a national conference on work experience for local committees, during which successful practices of implementing the guiding principles of the Central Conference on CPPCC Work were shared and promoted. We gave full play to the role of the China CPPCC Theory Research Association in carrying out research on major theoretical issues.

We supported the central discipline inspection team in carrying out inspections of the National Committee's leading Party members' group. We intensified efforts to improve Party conduct and build political integrity, consolidated the achievements made in the campaign on the theme of staying true to the Party's founding mission, and worked to build the National Committee into a model of political competence, discipline, responsibility, and efficiency.

Fellow Members,

We owe our achievements in the past year to the firm leadership of the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core, to the strong support of CPC committees and governments at all levels and all sectors of society, and to the concerted efforts of the participating organizations of the CPPCC, its committees at all levels, and their members and bodies. On behalf of the Standing Committee, I wish to express our sincere gratitude to all of them.

At the same time, we must be soberly aware that there is still room for improvement in the CPPCC work. Greater efforts need to be made to implement the guiding principles of the Central Conference on CPPCC Work. Our capacity for consultation and consensus building needs to be enhanced. Ways of exercising consultative oversight need to be further explored. We must take solid steps to address these issues in our future work.

## **II. Tasks for 2021: Playing Our Part in Making a Good Start to the 14th Five-Year Plan**

In 2021, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the CPC and embark on a new journey to build a modern socialist country in all respects. The CPPCC will:

- follow the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era;
- fully implement all guiding principles from the CPC's 19th National Congress and the 19th CPC Central Committee's 2nd through 5th plenary sessions;
- ground our efforts in the new stage of development, put into practice the new development philosophy, and create a new development pattern;
- uphold the themes of unity and democracy;
- focus on ensuring the implementation of the CPC Central Committee's major policies, decisions, and plans;
- offer suggestions on state affairs and build consensus;
- maintain high-standards in the performance of our duties to promote high-quality development;

- pool wisdom and strength to ensure a good start for the 14th Five-Year Plan.

*1. Strengthening theoretical and political guidance with a focus on celebrating the centenary of the CPC*

We will study the history of the CPC in particular but also the history of the People's Republic of China, reform and opening up, and socialism through a variety of avenues including Standing Committee group study sessions, lectures, discussions, and members' reading clubs. In line with the overall arrangements of the CPC Central Committee, we will arrange for our members to take part in the CPC centenary celebrations, and help organize the historical exhibition on the Eighth National Congress of the CPC. We will carry out awareness-raising tours, topic-specific inspections and surveys, and symposiums and seminars in light of the practical work of the CPPCC.

We will make arrangements for democratic parties, people's organizations, and public figures from all ethnic groups and sectors of society in the CPPCC to review the extraordinary course of the CPC over the past century, the great transformation of the Chinese nation from standing up to growing prosperous and strong, the historic achievements and changes in the cause of the Party and the country since the 18th National Party Congress, and the development of CPC-led CPPCC work, in order to help them acquire a firm grasp of the founding mission of Chinese Communists, and consolidate the conviction that the CPC is the anchor for the Chinese people in the face of adversity and that Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era is an effective guide for realizing the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

We will boost political, intellectual, theoretical, and emotional identification with the CPC, follow it unswervingly, and work together with it along the new journey ahead.

*2. Ensuring more effective consultations and suggestions with a focus on facilitating the implementation of the 14th Five-Year Plan*

Keeping focused on the overall work of the Party and the country, we will hold special consultative meetings of the Standing Committee on how to create a new

development pattern and build a Peaceful China, and organize special consultations on implementing the rural revitalization strategy and dealing with population aging.

We will hold biweekly consultative forums, consultative meetings on the handling of proposals, online deliberations and consultations, consultative meetings with relevant Party and government departments, and sector-specific consultations, to deliberate and offer suggestions on state affairs such as implementing major national science and technology programs, modernizing industrial and supply chains, developing a high-quality education system, strengthening the development and protection of traditional Chinese medicine resources, ensuring the quality and safety of agricultural products, promoting high-quality development of cultural heritage programs and museums, expanding channels for employment in areas with large ethnic minority populations, improving ecological conservation along the Yangtze Economic Belt, working toward a peak in carbon emissions and carbon neutrality, and strengthening the national public health protection network.

We will invite specialists to carry out in-depth consultations on issues such as how to progress toward common prosperity, build national security shields, and implement China's policies on ethnic minorities and religion, thereby expanding the content of the consultation system. We will formulate work plans for democratic oversight and carry out consultative oversight over major issues in relation to the execution of the 14th Five-Year Plan in order to help ensure effective implementation of the major strategies of the Party and the country.

### *3. Pooling wisdom and strength to promote great unity and solidarity*

We will strengthen committee-member lecture programs and review our experience in conducting awareness-raising tours for major and special tasks. This year, we will host over 10 campaigns to expand channels for consensus. We will increase contacts with people from all social sectors, provide them with more effective theoretical and political guidance, and relay their opinions and suggestions without delay.

We will implement the Regulations on the United Front Work of the CPC and improve the CPPCC's mechanisms for leveraging the strengths of the new model of political party system. Through meetings with representatives from different

social sectors, offline reading clubs among our members, and open discussions, we will build closer connections with non-CPC intellectuals and representatives from ethnic minorities, religious groups, the non-public sector, and new social strata.

We will resolutely support the principle that Hong Kong should be governed by patriots, strengthen unity and friendship with our compatriots overseas and in Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan, and conduct studies and consultations on fostering patriotism among young people in Hong Kong and Macao and promoting cross-Strait economic and cultural exchanges and cooperation. We will host activities marking the 110th anniversary of the Revolution of 1911 to keep the great spirit of the Revolution alive, and rally Chinese people both at home and abroad to promote the great cause of China's reunification and to advance national rejuvenation. We will work out new ways of international exchange, tell Chinese stories well, and enlarge our circle of friends in the context of routine Covid-19 control.

*4. Carrying out our work more effectively by ensuring the implementation of all systems*

We will implement the Guidelines on Strengthening Party Building in the CPPCC for the New Era and other relevant regulations, and intensify the self-improvement efforts of the leading Party members' group of the National Committee and the Party branch groups of its body and special committees. We will hold a national conference on Party building for CPPCC committees at all levels to exchange experience and share best practices. We will give full play to the principal role of our members and earnestly implement mechanisms for collecting data on their performance, assessing their performance and incentivizing them, and enforcing disciplinary restraints.

We will strengthen and improve our work related to proposals, inspection tours, conference speeches, reporting on social conditions and public sentiment, and media work, and convene a forum of the National Committee on communication and theoretical outreach work. We will hold theoretical seminars on the role of the CPPCC as a specialized consultative body. We will see that effective preparations are made for the formulation of guidelines on strengthening and improving the work of municipal- and county-level CPPCC committees.

We will continue to improve our meeting culture and style of writing, resolutely eliminate bureaucratism and the practice of formalities for formalities' sake, and practice frugality in an effort to cut costs and raise efficiency. We will make greater efforts to address the problems identified by the central discipline inspection team during its inspection of the National Committee, and strive to build the National Committee into a model body.

### **III. Enhancing the CPPCC's Role as a Specialized Consultative Body and Improving Its Institutional Efficiency**

Our country has entered a new stage of development in which we will build China into a fully modern socialist country, and this shift puts new and higher demands on the CPPCC. It is therefore crucial that we put into practice General Secretary Xi Jinping's important ideas on improving CPPCC work and the guidelines of the Central Conference on CPPCC Work, so that the CPPCC will grow stronger in its role as a body dedicated to consultation and be in a better position to further translate its institutional strengths into effective governance of our country.

#### *1. Grasping the CPPCC's institutional strengths*

The CPPCC is, by nature, a body dedicated to consultation. As an integral part of China's governance system, the CPPCC has served as a unique platform and an important institution for the CPC as it has led our people in developing socialist democracy and a Chinese approach to governance. We should review the success of China's socialist political system over more than seven decades, as well as the great efforts made over the past year to combat Covid-19, eradicate poverty, and respond to major risks and challenges, in order to fully appreciate the strengths and constructive nature of socialist consultative democracy. This will allow us to improve our judgment, comprehension, and ability to take action with regard to political issues.

We must constantly enrich the institutional practice of the principle that the people's affairs should be discussed by the people themselves, and leverage the strengths as a force that draws energy together and channels it toward a common political cause, a democratic platform that enables discussion on an equal footing,

an intellectual reservoir of talent and expertise, a tool for coordinating relations, and a conduit for maintaining extensive contacts with different sectors of society. By doing so, we will be able to channel our vast and varied knowledge into our shared fundamental interests and integrate our pooling of ideas through discussion with our pooling of energy behind major undertakings, thus building solid intellectual and social foundations for upholding and strengthening the CPC's leadership and accomplishing the historic mission of national rejuvenation.

### *2. Continuing to refine the CPPCC's working systems*

Since the convocation of the 13th CPPCC National Committee, we have formulated or revised 77 major working systems and established a preliminary framework of systems based on the CPPCC Charter, which covers consultation, the performance of duties, organization and management, and personnel development. Continuing to follow a practical approach, we should promptly review and refine new and effective methods that have been developed in the course of our work, such as online deliberations on state affairs, reading clubs, discussions on social conditions and public sentiment, and contacts with people from various sectors, and design new systems and regulations on this basis.

In developing the CPPCC's culture of consultation, we should enrich our consultative practices by drawing on the fine traditions of Chinese culture. We should see to it that Chinese values, such as coming together for a common purpose, relying on collective solutions and joint efforts, and pursuing equality, inclusiveness, diversity, harmony, and unity, are all reflected in the development and functioning of the CPPCC's systems. This will allow us to better exhibit the CPPCC's essential characteristics and unique strengths as a body dedicated to consultation.

We must ensure strict compliance with all CPPCC systems. We should make conscientious efforts to become familiar with these systems, and respect, maintain, and apply them in our work. While taking consultations seriously and conducting them in an orderly fashion, we must also see that they are lively and spirited. We need to build an inclusive consultation system, coordinate CPPCC consultation with other forms of consultation, and ensure that the CPPCC operates effectively as a specialized consultative body within China's governance system.

### *3. Enhancing the CPPCC's capacity to perform its duties*

For the CPPCC to better serve the modernization of China's system and capacity for governance, it must improve its capacity to perform its duties. We need to make the CPPCC an important platform for upholding and strengthening the CPC's leadership over all endeavors, for uniting, advising, and guiding representatives from all ethnic groups and sectors of society with the CPC's new theories, and for resolving conflicts and building consensus on the basis of our shared intellectual and political foundations.

Facing the very real problem of inadequate ability and the anxiety this creates, it is imperative for every member to study harder. For us to fulfill our duties, we must comprehensively boost our capacity to keep to a correct political direction, conduct surveys and research, maintain close ties with the people, and engage in cooperation and teamwork.

As members of a specialized consultative body, becoming experts at consultation should naturally be among our most pressing tasks. We need to enhance our capacity to conduct consultation with non-CPC representatives so that we can provide effective theoretical and political guidance, with relevant departments so that we can translate specialist input into policy options, and with people from different sectors so that we can serve as bridges for conveying demands, pooling wisdom, and promoting consensus.

We need to hold more training, research, and discussion sessions for our members and put emphasis on cultivating them through practice. We will encourage our members to apply relevant rules and methods of communication for more effective consultation, so that they are able to fully express their views while engaging in amicable exchanges with others and seek common ground despite differences of opinion. This will enable them to ultimately offer more useful suggestions and build consensus more effectively.

Our members must have a thorough knowledge of the CPPCC's role, be adept at consultation and deliberation, abide by the CPPCC's rules and disciplinary regulations, and act with integrity. Bearing in mind our mission, we should better align our will to serve our country and people with the work of the CPPCC, so as to fulfill our duties and responsibilities and show that we are ready to shoulder new commitments on the new journey ahead.

Fellow members,

Though the challenges facing us may have once seemed insurmountable, we are now passing over them in confident strides. Let us unite even more closely around the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core, hold high the banner of socialism with Chinese characteristics, and continue breaking ground in the CPPCC's cause in the new era. Let us make new and greater contributions to building a modern socialist China in all respects and to realizing the second of the Two Centenary Goals.\*

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\* To finish building a moderately prosperous society in all respects by the time the CPC celebrates its centenary in 2021 and to turn the People's Republic of China into a modern socialist country that is prosperous, strong, democratic, culturally advanced, and harmonious by the time it celebrates its centenary in 2049.