

PROVISIONAL REGULATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF SOCIAL  
ORGANIZATIONS

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**Article One** The present regulations have been formulated according to Articles Five and Seven in Common Agenda issued by the Chinese People's Political and Consultative Conference.

**Article Two** All social organizations should apply for registration in line with the present regulations; however, the following bodies are not included within the capacity of these directives:

- 1) The democratic parties or the people's groups that have participated in the Chinese People's Political and Consultative Conference.
- 2) The organizations that have been formulated by other regulations of the Central Government.
- 3) The organizations within administrative agencies, educational institutions, political entities, and military troops, which have obtained permission for their establishment from leading cadres.

**Article Three** The social organizations should include the following dimensions:

- 1) The masses' organizations;
- 2) Social welfare groups;

- 3) Literary and art working bodies;
- 4) Academic and learned associations;
- 5) Religious groups;
- 6) Other organizations that accord with the laws of the government.

**Article Four** The founding of any reactionary organization, which impairs the interests of the state and the people, is prohibited; for those that have already registered but are found reactionary, their registration should be terminated and dismissed.

**Article Five** While preparing the founding of a social organization, the initiator(s) should submit an application for preliminary registration.

**Article Six** The preliminary registration of a social organization should be assessed and granted by the competent authority, but no official certificate is issued.

For the organization that has registered for preparation but not been granted the establishment and issued the certificate, it only can operate in the format of a preliminary body.

**Article Seven** Upon completion of its preparation, the leading person(s) of a social organization should apply for registration of its establishment.

**Article Eight** The social organization preparing its establishment at the announcement of the present regulations, should submit a supplementary application for registration of preparation; for those that have already been founded, a supplementary application for registration of establishment should be submitted.

**Article Nine** The national-level social organizations should apply from and register at the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Central Government.

The national-level social organization that has been certified and registered should report to the local governments within the vicinity of its activities.

**Article Ten** The local social organization should apply for registration from the local government, and authorized by the provincial (municipal) or the autonomous regional government, and, at the same time, should report to the government at the directly higher level.

However, at the county-level, the authority for granting the social organization belongs to the prefectural commissioner's office, which, in turn, should report to the provincial government immediately after the approval. The local organization, once granted for its establishment, should report to the local government within the range of its activities.

For the social organization that has registered locally, the provincial (municipal) or the autonomous regional government should report periodically to the Ministry of Internal Affairs every year.

**Article Eleven** For the national-level social organization, its local branches should go through registration processes according to Article Nine of the present regulations, in addition to the registration of its headquarter.

For the local social organization, its subdivisions should apply for registration according to Article Ten of the present regulations, in addition to the registration of its headquarter.

**Article Twelve** For the national-level social organization, its application for founding registration should be assessed, authorized, and granted with certification by the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Central Government.

For the local organization, its application for founding registration should be assessed, authorized, and granted with certification by the provincial (municipal) or the autonomous regional government; however, the county-level organization should be issued the certificate by the provincial government after obtaining authorization from the prefectural commissioner's office.

**Article Thirteen** In applying for founding registration, the following items should be recorded:

- 1) Name;
- 2) Objectives;
- 3) Address;
- 4) Regulations;
- 5) Vicinity of activities, scope of business, and plan;
- 6) Name, address, age, place of origin, address, profession, social activity and brief history for each leading cadre;
- 7) Organizational status and the number of participants;
- 8) Name and general conditions of subsidiary federations, and name of each affiliated group;
- 9) Economic conditions and financial sources;
- 10) Other items that are necessary for registration.

In case of supplement or modification of the aforementioned items, the leading cadre should immediately apply for such revisions before being issued the official certificate; if it occurs after the issuance of the certificate, authorization of such supplement or modification should be requested timely.

The social organization that has been founded preceding the announcement of the present regulations, should submit a supplementary application for registration; at the same time, it should report its detailed history as well as the items indicated in Article One, and attach relevant documents when necessary.

While registering for preparation, the social organization should itemize those listed in Articles Two and Three if necessary, as well as name, objectives, profession and other relevant items.

**Article Fourteen** Any camouflage, modification or fabrication in the process of registration, will be disciplined by warning, termination or cancellation of registration according to the severity of the violation.

**Article Fifteen** At the authorized dismissal of a social organization, its leading cadre should register for its termination, return the official certificate, and publicize the dissolution in a newspaper.

**Article Sixteen.** The present regulations have been formulated by the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Central Government.

**Article Seventeen.** The present regulations have been passed, announced, and implemented by the Government Affairs Convention of the State Council, the Central Government.