

## Central Directive on Holding Representative Meetings for Cities with Populations Exceeding 30,000

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All Central Bureaus and Branch Bureaus:

Since the liberation of Taiyuan less than three months ago, five representative meetings have been held with various achievements. Except for reports of meetings in Shijiazhuang, Shanghai, and Beijing, there is no information on meetings being held elsewhere, which is not satisfactory. The following guidelines are hereby established:

- (1) Cities with populations exceeding 30,000 must hold representative meetings.
- (2) For small cities, meetings should be held at least once a month, lasting one day, and at most, two days. For large cities, meetings should be held every month or every two months, lasting one to three days each time.
- (3) The agenda for each meeting should not be extensive and should focus on one or two key issues.
- (4) Representatives should be elected every six months, with the option of consecutive re-election. Those who prove incompetent can be temporarily replaced within six months, and new representatives can be gradually added.
- (5) After the meeting, representatives should convey and explain the meeting reports and decisions to the people.
- (6) This directive is to be conveyed to all cities with populations exceeding 30,000 under your jurisdiction, and be cautious not to misunderstand.
- (7) You should attach importance to this matter, summarize the experiences, and report to the central authorities promptly.

Central Authorities