CCP Central Committee Notice on Establishing Planning Institutions

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To the regional bureaus, sub-bureaus, and municipal party committees, with copies to the ministries and commissions of the Central People's Government:

(I) In accordance with the requirements for large-scale, planned national construction, the Central People's Government has established the State Planning Commission. All ministries and commissions of the Central People's Government, as well as the departments of culture and education, must promptly organize their planning work and establish planning bodies within grassroots enterprises and operational units. Administrative committees of the various administrative regions, as well as the people's governments of provinces and municipalities, shall also establish planning committees to carry out planning tasks; these committees shall operate under the guidance of the State Planning Commission. Existing planning committees within the people's governments of the various provinces shall be reorganized into Committees for Finance and Economics.

(II) The Committees for Finance and Economics at the provincial and municipal levels—in coordination with the State Planning Commission and under the leadership of the respective provincial or municipal party committees and people's governments—shall be responsible for drafting annual plans for their respective regions. This includes plans for local industry, public-private joint enterprises, private enterprises, agriculture, water conservancy, handicrafts, and other local economic and cultural undertakings. Furthermore, they shall formulate regional plans for labor, employment, and capital investment. These committees are tasked with monitoring the implementation of these plans, studying issues that arise during the development of the national economy, summarizing successful experiences, and actively promoting various forms of cooperation—thereby ensuring the gradual coordination and balanced development of the different social and economic sectors.

(III) Planning agencies at the regional, provincial, and municipal levels are responsible for the coordination and balancing of material resources and commodities within their respective jurisdictions.

(IV) Within each regional administrative committee and provincial or municipal people's government, a committee chair or vice-chair shall be specifically designated to lead planning work. In addition to the existing organizational structure of these committees, a planning bureau (or equivalent body) consisting of 30 to 50 personnel shall be established to carry out planning tasks. These units shall be subject to dual leadership: from the committee to which they belong and from the higher-level planning authority. The specific staffing levels for these planning bodies will be determined at the national organizational structure conference to be held in May.

(V) Plans for state-owned enterprises and cultural/educational institutions—which fall under the purview of various central government economic or cultural/educational departments—shall be submitted not only to their respective competent central authorities but also to the planning bureaus (or equivalent bodies) of the relevant regional, provincial, or municipal governments. This is to facilitate the comprehensive balancing of material resources and labor within those regions, provinces, and municipalities.

(VI) To meet the requirements of planning work, statistical agencies must be established and strengthened alongside the planning agencies. The staffing for these statistical agencies shall adhere to the regulations set forth by the National Organizational Structure Committee, and the assignment of personnel must be carried out expeditiously. Statistical departments at the regional, provincial, and municipal levels shall operate under the guidance of their respective committees and shall provide the necessary statistical data to the corresponding planning departments.