

PART IX

OPTIMIZING REGIONAL ECONOMIC STRUCTURES AND PROMOTING COORDINATED REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We will continue to implement major regional strategies, the coordinated regional development strategy, and the functional zoning strategy. We will improve the institutions and mechanisms for promoting the coordinated development of regions and create regional economic structures and a territorial space system to sustain high-quality development.

Chapter 30 Improving the Development and Protection of Territorial Space

Based on regional resource and environment carrying capacities as well as their comparative advantages, we will promote rational flows and effective concentrations of all types of production factors to spur the formation of a new model for the development and protection of our territorial space, featuring clearly defined major functions, mutually reinforcing strengths, and high-quality development.

Section 1 Improving and Implementing the Functional Zoning System

Following spatial configuration trends, we will improve the layout of major infrastructure, major productive forces, and public resources by boosting the development of urbanized areas through differentiated measures. We will concentrate agricultural production in grain-producing areas, protected areas for the production of major agricultural products, and favorable areas for the production of specialty products, and enhance the system of ecological security shields. This will gradually give rise to three main types of spatial zones, namely, urban zones, major agricultural production zones, and ecosystem service zones. We will further refine the division of functional zones, with policies being formulated based on the different functions of each zone type. Specifically, we will develop differentiated policies for key development areas, ecologically fragile areas, and energy- and resource-rich areas, and implement these

policies on a categorized and targeted basis. We will further coordinate spatial development to ensure the implementation of all major national development strategies.

Section 2

Developing the Major Drivers of High-Quality Development

We will focus on reinforcing the economic- and population-carrying capacities of central cities, city clusters, and other areas with economic development advantages in order to drive up economic efficiency nationwide. With a focus on the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, the Yangtze River Delta, and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, we will enhance our ability to initiate innovation and allocate global resources and make a push to develop top-tier regions that can lead high-quality development in China. In well-placed areas in the central and western regions, we will give full play to the leading role of central cities in enhancing the functions of city clusters, accelerating industrialization and urbanization, and shaping important areas for high-quality development. We will remove obstacles to the flow of resources and improve the division of administrative jurisdictions to boost the overall carrying capacity and resource allocation capacity of central cities and see them making a stronger contribution to stimulating the development of surrounding regions.

Section 3

Boosting the Capacity of Important Functional Zones

We will make strategically important areas, such as major agricultural production zones, key ecosystem service zones, areas with abundant energy and resources, and border areas, the key supports for national food security, ecological security, energy security, and border security. These areas

will work with the major regions for driving growth to build a system for powering high-quality development. We will support major agricultural production zones in enhancing production capacity and ecosystem service zones in keeping their development focused on protecting the environment and providing ecological products, and in enabling their populations to gradually and systemically relocate and obtain residency in urban areas. We will optimize the layout for energy development and distribution, construct bases for the comprehensive development and use of energy and resources, and improve our ability to ensure the domestic energy supply. We will boost the development capacity of border areas, strengthen population and economic support, and promote ethnic unity and stability in border areas. We will improve the mechanisms for allocating public resources to effectively provide transfer payments to key ecosystem service zones, major agricultural production zones, border areas and so on.