## PART XVI

## ACCELERATING MODERNIZATION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND THE ARMED FORCES AND MAKING CHINA STRONG IN BOTH ECONOMIC AND MILITARY TERMS

We will put Xi Jinping's thinking on strengthening the armed forces into practice, implement the military strategy for the new era, and exercise absolute Party leadership over the people's armed forces. We will continue to enhance the political loyalty of the armed forces, strengthen them through reform, science and technology, and the training of capable personnel, and run the military in accordance with the law. We will accelerate integrated development of the military through mechanization and the application of digital and smart technology, and enhance training and combat preparedness across the board. Through these efforts, we will boost our strategic capacity to protect China's sovereignty, security, and development interests, and ensure that goals set for the centenary of the People's Liberation Army are completed by 2027.

## **Chapter** | Raising the Quality and Effectiveness of Efforts to Modernize National Defense and the Armed Forces

 ${f W}$ e will accelerate the modernization of military theories, develop new warfare and strategy guidelines in light of emerging trends, build a sound system of military strategies for the new era, and develop advanced combat theories. We will accelerate modernization of the military's organizational structure, and deepen the reform of national defense and the armed forces. We will promote radical change in the management of military affairs, and accelerate transformative development of all branches and services of the armed forces and the armed police force. We will strengthen our strategic forces as well as combat forces in new domains with new capabilities. We will create high-level strategic deterrence and joint operations systems, and step up joint training, logistics, and deployment of the military. We will accelerate the development of modern military personnel, and implement military education policies for the new era. We will improve the new threein-one military personnel training system (consisting of military academies, military training, and military vocational education) to train high-caliber, professional military personnel. We will accelerate the modernization of weapons and equipment, pursue original and independently driven innovation in defense-related science and technology, move faster to develop strategic, cutting-edge, and disruptive technologies, and pick up the pace in upgrading and developing smart weapons and equipment.