PART XVII

STRENGTHENING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY AND RULE OF LAW, AND IMPROVING THE SUPERVISION SYSTEMS OF THE PARTY AND THE STATE

We will uphold the unity between the leadership of the Party, the position of the people as masters of the country, and law-based governance, and promote self-improvement and development of the Chinese socialist political system.

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 \mathbf{W}_{e} will uphold and improve the system under which the Party exercises overall leadership and coordinates work in all areas, and ensure that the leadership of the Party permeates every aspect of national development. We will uphold and improve the system of people's congresses, and strengthen their oversight of governments, supervisory commissions, courts, and procuratorates. We will ensure that the people participate in the management of state, economic, cultural, and social affairs through various means in accordance with the law. We will uphold and improve the system of CPC-led multiparty cooperation and political consultation. We will bolster the development of other political parties participating in the political process under Chinese socialism, strengthen the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) as a dedicated consultative body, give full play to the unique strengths of socialist consultative democracy, and see that the CPPCC plays its role in making proposals on state affairs and building consensus more effectively. We will fully implement the Party's policy concerning ethnic affairs, uphold and improve the system of regional ethnic autonomy, forge a stronger sense of community for the Chinese nation, and encourage all of China's ethnic groups to work together in pursuit of shared development and common prosperity. We will fully implement the Party's fundamental policy on religious affairs, uphold the principle that religions in China must be Chinese in orientation, and actively guide religions in adapting to socialist society. We will refine the system of community-level self-governance and ensure that communities become more effective at managing, serving, educating, and supervising themselves. We will bring the

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role of people's organizations including trade unions, the Communist Youth League, and women's federations to bear, and see that they are effective at rallying the people they represent around the Party. We will refine our approach to united front work, and promote harmony among political parties, ethnic groups, religions, social strata, and all Chinese nationals at home and abroad in an effort to consolidate and develop the great unity and solidarity that we enjoy. We will fully implement the Party's policy on overseas Chinese affairs, and bring together the support of overseas Chinese for China's development.