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**Special Issue: 6th Plenary Session of the 18th CPC Central Committee**

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**Highlights of the Conference**

1. **Core Meeting:** The meeting officially declared the “CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping as the core”.

2. **Authority of CPC Central Committee:** The authority of the CPC Central Committee and the proper execution of duties of the party are consistent with the destiny of the Party and the state.

3. **State Requirements on Party Affiliates:** Party organizations at all levels and all Party members, especially senior officials, should strengthen the CPC Central Committee and CPC theory, policy, principle and ideas, as well as the determination made by the CPC Central Committee.

4. **Unprotected Power, Unprotected Party Member:** The CPC’s supervision is the fundamental guarantee for exercising power properly, as well as a crucial measure for strengthening and regulating political life within the Party.

5. **No Permissible Cases:** No permissible cases under these Party regulations.

6. **Inter-Party Democracy:** The Party’s various regulations and decisions regarding delegate elections, implementation and supervision must be made in accordance with the democratic principles of the Constitution and regulations.

7. **Extra-Party Democracy:** It will be held in Beijing during the second half of 2017.

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Several Considerations Involved in the Drafting of the Documents

1. The need to improve the management level of the Party's comprehensive governance.
2. The need to solve acute problems that affect people's livelihoods within the Party.

In light of this, new proposals and policies are necessary. It is necessary to establish new norms of political behavior within the Party, while legislations on governance within the Party must be developed. If timing and conditions are mature, demands are urgent.

The Drafting Process

The Central Committee issued a circular on drafting suggestions, while the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) announced the Document-drafting Leading Group.

4,953 suggestions from various circles were received. After elimination of repetitions, the figure was reduced to 3,534. Suggestions on political principles and 1,339 on specific policies.

The Drafting Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee held 22 meetings, and the Political Bureau held 5 meetings to review the drafts.

The Principles of Drafting

- Inheriting the fine traditions and valuable experience of the Party
- Adhering to the Party Constitution as the fundamental basis
- Focusing on the practical problem and linking it to the political life within the Party
- Making full use of various resources, strengthening top-level design and systematic planning, and supporting the relationship between the old and new Norms and Regulations, and other rules and regulations within the Party, to ensure the new Norms and Regulations maintain the existing rules and also develop with the times.

Two Issues Highlighted in the Explanation

The draft of the Norms and Regulations will be on high-ranking officials. It is necessary for officials at all levels to focus on members of the Central Committee, members of the Political Bureau, members of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau, and members of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau.
Key Points of Norms of Political Life Within the Party Under the New Situation

The document, "Norms of Political Life Within the Party Under the New Situation," was passed during the 18th plenary session of the 17th CPC Central Committee on Oct. 27, 2016.
The 18th CPC Central Committee Steps Towards Tightening Party Discipline

The Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, in cooperation with the CPC Central Discipline Inspection Committee, is studying and implementing the measures to strengthen Party discipline, in response to the decisions of the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the 18th plenary session of the Central Committee, and the 18th plenary session of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection of the Communist Party of China.

Regulate and regulate the political life within the Party

To enhance and regulate the political life within the Party, under the new situation, all CPC members must adhere to the Party Constitution as the fundamental basis and adhere to the Party’s principles and ideological line, organizational line, and discipline line. The CPC Central Committee requests all CPC members to strictly implement the regulations and discipline of the CPC, in order to maintain Party unity and solidarity, and, simultaneously, to increase Party leadership and discipline in Party building and government as well as discipline to guarantee that Party organizations and personnel, from the post of official to the rank of non-official, will strictly abide by organizational and discipline rules, and discipline rules are both high and unyielding.

The meeting of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, under the leadership of General Secretary Li Keqiang and the presidium of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, discussed the following topics:

1. Discussion on the implementation of the 18th National Congress of the CPC

2. Discussion on the implementation of the 18th plenary session of the CPC Central Committee

3. Discussion on the implementation of the 18th plenary session of the CPC Central Commission for Discipline Inspection

4. Discussion on the implementation of the 18th plenary session of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee

5. Discussion on the implementation of the 18th plenary session of the Central Committee for Discipline Inspection of the CPC

6. Discussion on the implementation of the 18th plenary session of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China
First Plenary Sessions
It was held in Beijing on Nov. 8, 2016.

The CPC Central Committee decided to draft the draft political report, the draft report on the previous five years’ work, and the draft report on future five years’ work, and submitted the draft political report on the previous five years’ work and the draft report on future five years’ work to the members of its Standing Committee for discussion and amendment. The Standing Committee of the CPC Central Committee decided to hold the Fifth Plenary Session of the 18th CPC Central Committee, and planned the preparatory work related to the Fifth Plenary Session of the CPC Central Committee for Beijing. Perspectives

Second Plenary Sessions
It was held in Beijing from Sept. 20 to 28, 2016.

The plenary approved the Decision of the 18th National People’s Congress on Adhering, Following, and Improving the Chinese Constitution and the National Administration Law.

Third Plenary Sessions
It was held in Beijing from Nov. 4 to 12, 2017.

The plenary approved the Decision of the CPC Central Committee on Adhering, Following, and Improving the Constitution.

Fourth Plenary Sessions
It was held in Beijing from Oct. 20 to 23, 2018.

The plenary approved the Decision of the CPC Central Committee on Adhering, Following, and Improving the Constitution.

Fifth Plenary Sessions
It was held in Beijing from Oct. 26 to 29, 2019.

The plenary approved the Decision of the CPC Central Committee on Adhering, Following, and Improving the Constitution.

Sixth Plenary Sessions
It was held in Beijing from Oct. 28 to 31, 2020.

The plenary approved the Report on the Work of the 18th National Committee of the CPC by Xi Jinping, the Working Report of the 18th National Committee of the CPC, and the Report of the 18th National Committee of the CPC on the Work of the CPC Central Committee for the Fifth Session of the 18th National People’s Congress.