

PART XVIII

UPHOLDING THE ONE COUNTRY, TWO SYSTEMS POLICY AND PROMOTING NATIONAL REUNIFICATION

We will maintain long-term prosperity and stability in Hong Kong and Macao, promote the peaceful development of relations between the two sides of the Taiwan Strait and the reunification of our nation, and work hand-in-hand to create a better future through the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

Chapter 61 Maintaining Long-Term Prosperity and Stability in Hong Kong and Macao

We will fully and faithfully implement the One Country, Two Systems policy under which the people of Hong Kong administer Hong Kong and the people of Macao administer Macao with a high degree of autonomy for both regions. We will remain committed to law-based governance in Hong Kong and Macao, and protect the special administrative regions' constitutional order as defined in the Constitution and their basic laws. We will ensure that the central government exercises overall jurisdiction over these special administrative regions, and that the legal systems and enforcement mechanisms whereby the two regions safeguard national security are effectively implemented. We will safeguard China's sovereignty, security, and development interests as well as social stability in the two special administrative regions, and resolutely counter attempts by external forces to interfere in the affairs of Hong Kong and Macao. The two regions will be provided support for consolidating and enhancing their competitive advantages and better integrating themselves into China's overall development.

Section 1 Supporting Hong Kong and Macao in Consolidating and Enhancing Their Competitive Advantages

We will support Hong Kong in strengthening its status as a leading international financial, shipping, and trade center and as an international aviation hub. We will strengthen its position as a global hub for offshore

RMB business services, and augment its functions as an international asset and risk management hub. We will support Hong Kong in building itself into an international center of technology and innovation, a center for international legal and dispute resolution services in the Asia-Pacific region, and a regional intellectual property trading center. We will help the service sector in Hong Kong move toward the high-end and high added value. We will support Hong Kong in developing itself into a center of arts and culture exchanges between China and the world. As for Macao, we will augment the region's status as an international leisure and tourism destination. We will back cooperation between Guangdong and Macao on developing the Hengqin New Area, expand the functions of the service platform for commercial and trade cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking countries, and build Macao into a hub for cultural exchanges and cooperation where Chinese culture prevails but multiple cultures coexist. We will support Macao in developing industries in areas including research, development, and manufacturing of traditional Chinese medicine, specialty financial services, advanced technology, and conventions and exhibitions, and promote the development of an appropriate level of diversity in its economy.

Section 2

Helping Hong Kong and Macao Become Better Integrated in the Nation's Overall Development

We will improve mechanisms for integrating Hong Kong and Macao into China's overall development and facilitating complementarity and coordinated development between these two regions and the mainland. We will encourage Hong Kong and Macao to participate and assist in China's all-round opening up and development of a modern economic system, as well as in creating platforms for the Belt and Road Initiative. We will

advance cooperation between Hong Kong, Macao, and the mainland on economics, trade, and technological innovation, and deepen and expand financial market connectivity. We will develop the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area to high standards of quality, deepen cooperation between Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao and within the Greater Pearl River Delta region, and advance the development of major platforms for cooperation between Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao, including Qianhai (in Shenzhen), Hengqin (in Zhuhai), Nansha (in Guangzhou), and Hetao (in Shenzhen and Hong Kong). We will deepen cooperation and exchange between the mainland and Hong Kong and Macao in various fields, and improve policies and measures to help people from Hong Kong and Macao build their lives and careers on the mainland. We will reinforce education on the Constitution, the basic laws, and our nation's current affairs among our compatriots in Hong Kong and Macao in order to promote a stronger sense of national identity and patriotism. We will support Hong Kong and Macao in conducting cooperation and exchanges with other countries and regions.