Interim Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Militia Organizations

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Article 1 In accordance with Article 23 of the Common Program of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, "The People's Republic of China shall implement a militia system, protect local order, establish a foundation for national mobilization, and be prepared to implement a compulsory military service system at an appropriate time".

Article 2 The militia is an armed organization of the people that does not divorce from production. All male people between the ages of 18 and 40, who are not physically disabled or mentally ill, have the right and obligation to join the militia. Those over forty years old can withdraw from the militia organization, but those who are unwilling to withdraw from combat heroes and militia models can still stay in the team as appropriate.

Article 3 Militia tasks:

- 1. Defend the motherland, take on the task of national military service and combat service mobilization, and actively study military, politics, and culture, and strengthen physical fitness;
- 2. Assist the People's Liberation Army and the People's Public Security Forces in defending local order, suppressing counter-revolutionary activities, defending industrial and mining, warehouses, transportation and coastal defense, border defense, and consolidating the people's democratic dictatorship;
- 3. Solidarity and mutual assistance, actively participate in and promote production cooperation, and disaster relief, water control, and afforestation.

Article 4 From the People's Revolutionary Military Committee of the Central People's Government, the military districts at all levels, to counties, districts, and townships, the People's Armed Leadership Organs shall be established. At the same time, in order to strengthen the unified leadership of the party, government, and military over the work of the people's armed forces and obtain the assistance of mass organizations, and to ensure the realization of the tasks of building the people's armed forces, under the People's Revolutionary Military Committee of the Central People's Government, the establishment from the central to the township (administrative village) People's Armed Committees at all levels. The leading organs of the people's armed forces at all levels accept the leadership of the people's armed committees at the same level in addition to their direct superiors, and are the office organs of the people's armed committees at the same level.

Article 5 Organization:

- 1. All townships (administrative villages) must establish a township (administrative village) militia team headquarters, which is the people's armed leadership organ of the township (administrative village), and establish a team leader and instructor who are not separated from production, and several deputy team leaders and deputy instructors, No one is separated from production.
- 2. All members with 8 to 15 members shall be grouped into a small team (for those who are less than eight people due to special circumstances, they shall also be divided into a small team), two to five small teams shall be organized into one team, and two to five teams into a first squadron, there are one team leader and deputy team leader, one team leader and one deputy team leader. For example, if the militia of the whole township (administrative village) is less than five detachments, that is, no squadron is formed, and the team headquarters of the township (administrative village) are directly under the leadership.
- 3. All squadrons, squadrons, squadrons, and township (administrative village) cadres are democratically elected by the members. The cadres below the squadron are approved by the District People's Armed Forces Department, and the township (administrative village) team cadres are approved and appointed by the County People's Armed Department. The term of office is one year and can be re-elected. If there is a need to re-elect for some reason, the re-election must be approved by the original approval authority.
- 4. With the county as a unit, establish a militia backbone group based on the militia organization, strengthen training, and serve as the basis for military recruitment. All militiamen who are 18 to 25 years old, are politically pure, have a strong body, and have ample family labor, shall be incorporated into the militia group organization. Exemplary militia heroes and strong fellow soldiers who are over the prescribed age can also be incorporated into the basic militia organization under the principle of voluntary. The basic regiments are organized into squads, platoons, and companies based on the number of basic militias in the county and district people's armed forces, as well as regiments and battalions. The members of the militia basic regiment are under the command of the regiment and battalion headquarters during the centralized execution of tasks and centralized training. The usual education and training are still under the organization of the township (administrative village) team headquarters and do not deviate from the original militia organization.

Article 6 System:

1. In areas where a general militia system has been implemented, a system of entering and leaving militias shall be established.

- 2. Regular meetings of squads, units, squadrons and militia members of the township (administrative village) are held. Leading agencies at or above the county level may convene meetings of militia representatives according to work needs.
- 3. Establish two training systems that are not divorced from production and temporarily deviated from production. However, the training and the time required for temporary out-of-production training must be approved by the provincial military district before proceeding.
- 4. Establish personnel, weapons, and ammunition registration, statistical systems, and weapons and ammunition storage systems.
- 5. Establish a review system for the militia. Based on specific conditions, each locality may conduct an annual review of the county or district militia team based on specific conditions, with the county or district as the unit; in peacetime, the militia leading agency sends personnel to the township (administrative village) to conduct irregular reviews.
- **Article 7** People's armed organizations at all levels and their militias, in addition to being led by their superiors, shall accept the leadership of the people's government at the same level. When militiamen assist the People's Liberation Army and the public security forces in combat, suppress bandits, or perform other tasks, they shall accept the command of that force.
- **Article 8** Those militiamen who are disabled or sacrificed due to their participation in wars and bandits must comply with the "Interim Regulations on Compensation for Civilian Workers' Injuries and Deaths" promulgated by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Central People's Government.

Article 9 Discipline:

Those who obey orders, perform tasks, actively study, work hard to produce, abide by the people's government laws and mass discipline, and actively promote the people's government policies, safeguard the people's national laws and regulations, and have achieved remarkable results in the struggle against all phenomena that endanger policies and laws and disrupt mass discipline Those who disobey orders, violate laws and regulations, or undermine the discipline of the masses shall be punished separately according to the severity of the circumstances. In severe cases, they shall be handled by the people's government in addition to the enforcement of discipline.

Article 10: These regulations shall be implemented on the date of issuance. **Attached**:

1. No militia organization shall be established in factories, mines, shops, public and private enterprises, etc.

2. In large and medium-sized cities, militia organizations are not established in urban areas, except for militias organized in the suburbs under the unified leadership of the People's Armed Forces Department in the suburbs.