

**Directive of GAC on the convening of district people's representative conferences in cities with a population of more than 100,000**

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All or part of the districts of 12 cities, including Beijing, Tianjin, Nanjing, Shanghai, Jinan, Wuhan, Guangzhou, Chongqing, Xi'an, Harbin, Shenyang, and Zhangjiakou, have convened district people's congresses, and have gained some important experience, proving that the convening of district people's congresses is indeed necessary for large and medium-sized cities. This is of great significance for the people's government to connect with the general public, promote municipal administration, solve the welfare problems of residents, and supervise, criticize, and self-criticize the staff of the people's government. To this end, it is urgent to promote this experience and follow the suggestions of Liu Shaoqi, Vice Chairman of the Central People's Government, at the first session of the third session of the Beijing Municipal People's Congress, and stipulate that in the future, cities with a population of more than 100,000 people in all parts of the country should convene people's congresses in their urban and suburban areas; the following specific instructions are hereby made:

(1) All cities in the country with a population of over 100,000 must convene people's representative conferences in all districts within 1951 and establish a regular system.

Certain cities, although with a population of less than 100,000, may, if they have special political or other circumstances, convene district people's congresses with the approval of the people's government of the greater administrative region or province.

(2) The general rules for the organization of the People's Congresses of all walks of life in large cities and the general rules for the organization of the People's Governments of large cities, which have been promulgated, contain principles and provisions applicable to all large and medium-sized cities with a population of more than 100,000.

(3) All important work of the district shall be submitted to the district people's representative conference for discussion. In addition to solving the welfare problems of residents according to necessary and possible conditions, the district people's government shall also listen to the work report and review the work.

(iv) Establish a district consultation committee and strengthen its work.

(5) The people's governments of all cities should supervise and provide specific guidance on the convening of people's congresses in urban and suburban areas under their jurisdiction, and help them summarize their experience and report it in a timely manner.