

## Provisional General Provisions on the Organization of Ethnic Affairs Committees at All Levels of People's Governments

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### Article 1

These general provisions regarding the organization of the Ethnic Affairs Committee of the Central People's Government are formulated according to Articles 18, 19, and 21 of the Organization Law of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China. The organization of Ethnic Affairs Committees at all levels of local people's governments is based on the needs of local ethnic work.

### Article 2

Ethnic Affairs Committees are established under the Central People's Government and the people's governments (military administrative committees) of the major administrative regions. People's governments at the provincial (administrative office), municipal, special district, and county levels (including ethnic democratic coalition governments) shall establish Ethnic Affairs Committees according to the needs of ethnic work within their jurisdictions. People's governments of ethnic autonomous regions at or above the special district level may also establish Ethnic Affairs Committees when necessary.

In provinces (administrative offices), cities, special districts, and counties with very small minority populations, if no Ethnic Affairs Committee is established, a dedicated office or individual should be assigned within the civil affairs departments of the respective people's governments to handle ethnic affairs in the area.

### Article 3

The establishment of Ethnic Affairs Committees in major administrative regions must be filed with the Government Administration Council of the Central People's Government. The establishment of Ethnic Affairs Committees in provincial (administrative office) and municipal people's governments must be reported to the Government Administration Council of the Central People's Government for approval. The establishment of Ethnic Affairs Committees in special district and county people's governments must be reported to the people's governments (military administrative committees) of the major administrative regions for approval and filed with the Government Administration Council of the Central People's Government.

For the establishment of Ethnic Affairs Committees in ethnic autonomous regions at or above the special district level, the approval and filing procedures shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the previous paragraph of this article.

### Article 4

The Ethnic Affairs Committees of all levels of people's governments are administrative departments for managing ethnic affairs. Under the unified leadership of the respective levels of people's governments, they shall perform the following duties:

1. Inspect and supervise the implementation of the ethnic policies in the Common Program of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and the laws and decisions of the Central People's Government regarding ethnic affairs.
2. Oversee and inspect the implementation of policies regarding ethnic regional autonomy and ethnic democratic coalition governments.
3. Assist in matters related to the gradual development of the political, economic, and cultural aspects of various ethnic minorities.
4. Handle matters related to strengthening ethnic unity.
5. Assist in the study of minority languages and scripts.
6. Lead and manage ethnic institutes and research and translation work, and assist relevant departments in training ethnic cadres.
7. Liaise with departments at the same level to handle other matters related to ethnic minorities.
8. Guide the work of lower-level Ethnic Affairs Committees and the specialized agencies or personnel in the civil affairs departments of people's governments at all levels responsible for ethnic affairs.
9. Handle matters assigned by people's governments.
10. Receive and process opinions from people of all ethnic groups regarding ethnic affairs.

#### Article 5

To implement ethnic policies, Ethnic Affairs Committees at all levels of people's governments may invite representatives from relevant departments to attend various meetings and may also send representatives to attend relevant meetings of other departments.

#### Article 6

The Ethnic Affairs Committees at all levels of people's governments shall be composed as follows:

1. For the Central People's Government Ethnic Affairs Committee: In principle, each minority nationality in the country should have one member; those with populations between 300,000 and 1 million should have two members; those with populations between 1 million and 2 million should have three members; those with populations between 2 million and 4 million should have four members; for every additional 2 million people beyond 4 million, one additional member may be added. The allocation of member seats should consider the distribution of ethnic groups under the above principles.
2. For Ethnic Affairs Committees of people's governments (military administrative committees) in major administrative regions and below: Each ethnic group within the jurisdiction, regardless of population size, should have one member; those with larger populations should have their number of members appropriately increased based on the specific local situation and by referring to the provisions of the first clause of this article.
3. People's governments at all levels may appoint an appropriate number of Han personnel as members of the Ethnic Affairs Committee based on work needs.
4. Members of Ethnic Affairs Committees at all levels may concurrently serve as members of Ethnic Affairs Committees of lower-level people's governments.

#### Article 7

Each level of the Ethnic Affairs Committee shall have one chairperson and several vice-chairpersons.

#### Article 8

The chairperson, vice-chairpersons, and members of the Ethnic Affairs Committees at all levels shall be appointed and removed according to the provisions of the Central People's Government on the appointment and removal of state organ staff.

#### Article 9

Meeting periods of Ethnic Affairs Committees at all levels:

1. The Ethnic Affairs Committees of the Central People's Government and major administrative region people's governments (military administrative committees) shall meet once a year.
2. The Ethnic Affairs Committees of provincial (administrative office) and lower-level people's governments shall meet every six months.
3. Meetings of Ethnic Affairs Committees at all levels may be held earlier or later with the approval of the respective level of people's governments when necessary.

#### Article 10

The working institutions of Ethnic Affairs Committees at all levels:

1. The Central People's Government Ethnic Affairs Committee shall establish the following institutions:
  - General Office: Responsible for secretarial, information, administration, personnel, reception, internal liaison, and other routine work not belonging to specific departments.
  - First Department: Responsible for matters concerning the Mongolian, Korean, and various ethnic minorities in the Northeast and North China regions.
  - Second Department: Responsible for matters concerning the Hui, Uyghur, Kazakh, and various ethnic minorities in the Northwest region.
  - Third Department: Responsible for matters concerning the Tibetan ethnic group.
  - Fourth Department: Responsible for matters concerning various ethnic minorities in the Southwest region.
  - Fifth Department: Responsible for matters concerning various ethnic minorities in the Central South and East China regions.

Each office or department may set up sections or groups as needed.

To meet business needs, consultative rooms, translation and publication institutions, various specialized committees, or other subsidiary institutions may be established.

2. Ethnic Affairs Committees of major administrative region people's governments (military administrative committees) may set up offices, consultative rooms, departments, and sections (or groups) according to actual work needs to manage various businesses.
3. Ethnic Affairs Committees of provincial (administrative office) level people's governments may set up offices, sections, or groups to manage various businesses.
4. Ethnic Affairs Committees of municipal, special district, and county-level people's governments may set up offices or assign secretaries and clerks to manage various businesses.
5. Ethnic Affairs Committees of people's governments at all levels with fewer ethnic affairs may simplify their institutions accordingly.

#### Article 11

These general provisions shall be implemented upon approval by the Chairman of the Central People's Government after being adopted by the Government Administration Council of the Central People's Government. The same procedure applies to any amendments.