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## **Submission by All-China Youth Federation (ACYF) to**

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1. We believe that the Chinese government has always been very concerned about the healthy growth of young people, and attached great importance to the protection of young people's rights and interests and the prevention of crime. Consistently adhering to the basic principle of comprehensive management and relying on the comprehensive management mechanism, All-China Youth Federation has coordinated the relevant departments and integrated social forces in all aspects to jointly promote the new achievements of juvenile rights protection and crime prevention.

2. We are delighted to observe that China has preliminarily established the legal system of juvenile crime prevention and judicial protection, with "Law of the People's Republic of China on the Protection of Minors" (promulgated in 1991), "Law of the People's Republic of China on the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency" (promulgated in 1999) and the revised chapter of "juvenile criminal procedure" in "Criminal Procedure Law of the People's Republic of China" (enacted in 2012) as the core.

3. At the same time, the Chinese government has made constant improvement on the relevant policies of juvenile rights protection and crime prevention. In particular, in 2017, the CPC Central Committee and the State Council issued "The Middle- and Long-term Youth Development Plan (2016-2025)", which created a top-level design to promote youth growth and development, and put forward ten major areas of development, including the maintenance of young people's legitimate rights and interests and the prevention of juvenile delinquency.

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4. All-China Youth Federation has carried out an annual “face-to-face conversation with NPC deputies and CPPCC members”, listening to and reflecting the appeals regarding youth interests, encouraging the NPC deputies and CPPCC members to put forward suggestions and proposals in favor of youth growth and development as well as advancing their implementation.

5. In order to strengthen the orderly youth participation in political affairs, under the support and coordination from governments at all levels, we have organized the youth to broadly participate in the municipal administration at basic levels, such as election, official discussion, information publicity, work report, accountability procedure, etc. We have added “social organizations” as one sector of youth federations at all levels, in order to improve the capacity of the youth for political participation.

6. On behalf of young people, we put forward opinions and suggestions. In the formulation of relevant laws and regulations by people’s congresses and their standing committees as well as governments at all levels, we participate in the process of research and demonstration, drafting, evaluation, consultation, etc. Relying on the CPPCC’s sectors of the Communist Youth League and the youth federation, we promote and take part in all kinds of negotiations with CPPCC committees.

7. The Chinese government attaches great importance to legal publicity and education among the youth. Correspondingly, All-China Youth Federation has carried out an extensive program on legal publicity and education, with “Constitution of the People’s Republic of China” as its core, and the basic civil rights and obligations and the relevant laws and regulations concerning the minors as its key points, while implementing “The National Juvenile Drug-Prevention Education Plan (2016-2018)” as well. All-China Youth Federation pays attention to the cultivation of young people’s

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awareness of the rules in their behavioral habits, committing itself to bringing young people to become modern citizens who can respect, understand, abide and apply laws.

8. All-China Youth Federation carries out the prevention of juvenile delinquency. Targeting at five groups of the youth, namely, those with misbehaviors, the idle young people, homeless minors, minor children of prisoners, left-behind children in rural areas, we have launched group service and management and crime prevention for focus young community in more than 2800 county areas of China.

9. We are also actively expanding the work coverage, promoting the establishment of "juvenile zero-crime and zero-victimization communities (villages)", cracking down upon crimes and illegal activities such as abducting and trafficking, sexual abuse, abandonment and maltreatment of minors, in order to effectively extend the work to the community (village).

10. To purify the growth environment of the youth, we adhere to the comprehensive measures and make concerted efforts to launch specific projects like "Actions for Seedling-protection" and "Actions for Healthy Environment", strengthening regulation and punishment on pornography, violence and illegal information. We further advance the "School-safeguarding" project, improving the environment of campus surrounding and reinforcing security. We enact "Integrated Plan to Strengthen the Treatment of Bullying among Primary and Middle School Students", effectively preventing and treating bullying among primary and middle school students. We carry out the "Green Bookmark" project, guiding young people to read more books and read good books.

11. All-China Youth Federation enhances the supporting convergence of police service, prosecution, trial and reformatory program for the minors, effectively actualizing specific protection systems such as social investigation system, appropriate

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adult participation system, conditional non-prosecution system, separate detention and management system, revisiting and admonishing system, criminal records sealing-up system, etc. We expand social forces' participation in the field of youth rights protection and the judicial protection of minors, accomplishing the organic synthesis of "professional case-handling" and "socialized protection".

12. We attach importance to the cultivation and guidance of social forces in safeguarding young people's rights, and expect to establish a professional team consisting of 300,000 social workers specializing in youth affairs in 2025, guiding them to play a role in the fields of youth growth and development, safeguard of young people's rights and interests, and crime prevention, etc. Relying on the network platform "Youth Rights Online", 12355 Youth Service Channel, Service Center for Juvenile Law, etc., we maintain a stable contact with legal and psychological experts as well as volunteers, in order to provide the youth with effective services in regard to psychological and legal issues.