CIRCULAR OF THE CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF HANDLING THE PARTY MEMBERSHIP OF PARTY MEMBERS

Party committees at all levels, Party committees of military districts at all levels:

Recently, Party organizations or mass organizations of some units, in compliance with the request of certain masses, relieved some Party members of their Party membership and, in some cases, even burned on the spot their documents such as their letters of pledges to the Party. With regard to this, the Central Committee takes the following view:

- With the exception of active counter-revolutionaries who have been arrested to be dealt with according to law and who should be relieved of their Party membership forthwith, in general the Party membership of Party members should be handled in the latter period of the movement.
- According to the provisions of the Party Constitution, punishment of Party members must be carried out by the Party organization. The masses and their organization shall have no power to take Party disciplinary measures against Party members.
- Documents of Party members such as their letters of application for Party membership must not be burned.

The CCP Central Committee

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This circular may be posted in the countryside, cities and various units of the armed forces.