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Recognize and deal well with the relationship between efficiency and fairness

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Abstract: How to deal with the problem between efficiency and fairness in distribution area correctly, it is the theoretical and practical problem emphasized by the central government and theoretical circles since China's reform and opening. The report in 17th CPC National Congress provides the new viewpoint and principal about the problem between efficiency and fairness in distribution area, which fits in with the new historical period, especially with the implement the scientific concept of development and building a socialist harmonious society, and should be deserved the correct interpretation and emphasis by practical and theoretical researchers. A new spirit of the report in 17th CPC National Congress should be accurately understand and implement, and should be paid more attention to social fairness, combined with efficiency and fairness, narrowed the income gap, placed emphasis on improving income of low-income levels, not to be mixed the report in 17th CPC National Congress with "Giving priority to efficiency with due consideration to fairness". On the other hand, the improvement in the proportion of labor by the workers, should be a gradually advancing process, not too fast and quick, and should be combined with the immediate interests and long-term interests together.

I. The "left" age accumulated two barrier questions which needed to be solved

Since the Third Session of 11th CPC National Congress, especially in the new historical period after the reform and opening policy, our country must develop the productive forces vigorously, take the economic development as the center, and simultaneously must carry on economic system's reform. Two barrier issues gotten down in the "left" age, therefore, needed to be confronted with and to be treated. The first was that after 1957 China took the class struggle as an outline, impacted economic development with the "left" tool, stressed the calculation of the political account, contemned the economical account, neglected productive forces development and economic efficiency. The second barrier question which was the old habit of egalitarianism in the distribution area did harm to people's labor initiative and the development of productive force.

After the Third Session of 11th CPC National Congress, the educational circles had also launched discussions to two theoretical and actual problems. The first was the

discussion for economic effect question (changed economic efficiency afterward). The economic effect or earnings question was involved in the efficiency question in fact. The second was discussion for distribution question. A set of “left” theories took the distribution according to labor as the soil to provide capitalism and the new bourgeoisie, and provided the theory support for the egalitarianism. The theoretical circles denied this viewpoint in the discussion.

II. The evolutionary course to understand the relationship between efficiency and fairness

In the distribution area, the question for efficiency and fairness has always been central literature on issues of concern from 13th CPC National Congress to 17th CPC National Congress.

In 1987, the report for 13th CPC National Congress proposed: Our assignment policy, “pulls open the income differential reasonably, and prevents the polarization of the rich and the poor, insists the direction in the common enrichment, manifests the social justice under the premise for the efficiency promotion”.

In 1992, the report for 14th CPC National Congress Also proposed, within the distribution system, “the proper attention to both efficiency and fair”. The report did not have division which was most important, and laid equal stress on both.

In 1993, the Third Session of 14th CPC National Congress passed the decision which had made the change to the formulation between efficiency and fairness, proposed that the personal income distribution “to manifest the efficiency first, the proper attention to fairness”.

From 16th CPC National Congress in 2002 to the Third Session of 16th CPC National Congress, the report continued to affirm and reiterate the principle “to manifest the efficiency first, the proper attention to fairness”. The report for China's 16th Communist Party Congress announced “the primary distribution takes efficiency seriously”, “the redistribution takes fairness seriously”. This indicated that so-called “efficiency first”, was referred to the primary distribution which took the efficiency only, and was not essential to take fairness seriously. But the so-called proper attention to fairness was manifested fairly in the redistribution.

III. The new adjustment in the principles between efficiency and fairness

Along with china’s reform and development entry into the new historical period, we

have already achieved achievement which is huge and obvious to all, and also highlights the new problems and contradiction. To make the adjustment about the treatment and the process is the principle between efficiency and fairness. The adjustment basis comes from three aspects.

The first, in China, emerges some kinds of the extraordinary expansion of the trend to the income gap, gives rise to new social contradictions, and is not conducive to social stability and realizes the nature of socialism.

The second is the central to produce the scientific concept of development. Its core is people-centered. Basic requirement is comprehensive, coordinated and sustainable and positive to build a socialist harmonious society, so that the fruits of reform and development benefit all the people, that is, final results in the reform, instead of making a small number of people sudden wealth, the broad masses of workers and peasants becoming vulnerable groups, which requires more attention to low-income groups, and pays more attention to social fairness.

The third is the central to adopt reasonable views and suggestions proposed by some scholars who advocate the adjustment on the relationship between efficiency and fairness. As far as I know, some scholars write letters and give recommendation to the central. In the new stage of economic and social development, the trend should be adjusted in view of growing income gap, "giving priority to efficiency with due consideration to fairness", the proposal place equal to both.

IV. Correctly understand and grasp the new formulation of the report at China's 17th Communist Party Congress and need to pay attention to a number of issues.

(1) To pay more attention to social equity, fair distribution, doesn't mean that we neglect efficiency, but combine and unify the both. Not only to improve efficiency, but also to promote fairness.

(2) As a socialist country, China should emphasize the socialist fairness and justice, not one-sided emphasis on efficiency and the neglect of fairness. We do not produce for the production, and emphasizes efficiency for efficiency, but realize the common rich by improve economic efficiency and fair distribution.

(3) Fair distribution is not equal to equal distribution, not engaged in egalitarianism.

(4) The central concerns and pays attention to the trend of expansion of the income gap, focuses on mitigation and narrows the gap and concerns for people's livelihood and improves the standard of low-income people's living, eases the difficulties for vulnerable groups.

(5) To mitigate and narrow the income gap over the trend of expansion, and to pay

more attention to fairness, should not be the wrong solution for “Rob the rich to feed the poor”, nor what is to lead people, “Enmity to the rich”, " Enmity to wisdom." And the rich will not be restricted to the rich.

(6) To promote social justice, we must first implement the initial distribution to the fair. The excessive expansion of the income gap is mainly formed by the initial distribution. Under the condition of China's social security system is not sound, relying on the redistribution to achieve fairness which is equivalent drop in the bucket is impossible to solve the problem.

(7) To attach importance to and accurately understand the report on the new formulation of efficiency and fairness at 17th CPC National Congress, and to distinguish the difference in the past years of popular "giving priority to efficiency with due consideration to fairness" and "initial distribution focus on efficiency, redistribution focus on fairness " . The both will not be mixed.

(8) 17th CPC National Congress provides the increasing income of residents in the proportion of national income, increasing labor compensation in the proportion of initial distribution, an effort to raise the income of low-income, which should be a "gradual progress" in the process. To implement the new central spirit, we can not "wind", not from one one-sided to another one-sided.