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**Comments of the Scientific Advisor for the dissertation of Dossymkhan Enlik Dossymkhankyzy “Integration projects of the Republic of Kazakhstan within the Eurasian zone” presented for the PhD degree in Political science (6D050200)**

I am pleased to inform that the dissertation written by Dossymkhan Enlik Dossymkhankyzy can be considered as independent and original research. Economic and political integration processes, as the author pointed out, seem to play an important role on the different continents. In her dissertation, the author analysed this process with special emphasis put on the involvement of Kazakhstan. While examining the case of Eurasian integration she often referred to the European integration considering it as the most advanced project of this kind in contemporary world.

The thesis was divided into three chapters with logical and coherent structure. Chapter one was dedicated to conceptual and theoretical context of integration cooperation, in which not only methodology of the research but also institutional determinants of the integration process were characterised.

In chapter two, the Author dealt with different aspects of integration process: economic (Eurasian Economic Union) and military ones (Collective Security Treaty Organization and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization).

Chapter three is concentrated on the results of the Eurasian integration with special emphasis on Kazakhstan.

It can be argued that the aim of the research was completed by the Author, even though processes that have been examined deserve further investigation being dynamic rather than static.

I must admit finally that cooperation with Dossymkhan Enlik Dossymkhankyzy was more intensive at the stage of conceptualization of the problem and whole working on the structure of it rather than when she was working on particular chapters and subchapters.

Concluding, I recommend the dissertation “Integration projects of the Republic of Kazakhstan within the Eurasian zone” for the defence.

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