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**on the dissertation research of Zhakyanova Aigerim on the theme "Academic mobility as a soft power tool in the system of international relations of the 21st century " in the specialty "6D020200 - International Relations"**

In recent decades, there have been significant changes in the field of international relations, which requires the development of new approaches to analyze developments in world politics. In this regard, countries are faced with the need to create effective export-oriented national development strategies. Doctoral student Zhakyanova A. believes that education plays a key role in solving this task, as it is an instrument of soft influence contributing to the comprehensive development of society and strengthening international relations. She emphasizes Kazakhstan as a leading participant in the Central Asian region, which faces the need to use soft power to solve its problems.

The doctoral student presents a creative approach to the study of academic mobility as a soft power tool in contemporary international relations. In her study, she deepens the theoretical and methodological aspects related to the role of higher education and academic mobility in international relations.

The work of the doctoral student is oriented towards methodological analysis. The use of different methodological approaches and scientific research methods allows her to gain a deeper understanding of the problem of academic mobility as a means of soft power in international relations.

The doctoral student in her research rightly notes that Kazakhstan as a leading player in the Central Asian region faces the need to fulfill a number of tasks through the implementation of soft power tools. Most of the CA countries are members of the international organization TURKSOY. The Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (CCTS) unites Turkic-speaking states, which creates the potential for deepening cooperation in various fields, including education and science. One of the priority tasks of this organization is to promote closer ties between educational and scientific institutions of the member countries.

On the basis of the Central Asian Higher Education Area, cooperation between our countries will reach a new level, contributing to long-term and stable inter-country relations.

The dissertation of Zhakyanova A. on the theme "Academic mobility as a soft power tool in the system of international relations of the 21st century" is performed at a high level and is worthy of awarding the degree of Doctor of Philosophy PhD.

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