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To whom it may concern,

REVIEW
**of the educational and research training programme of the 'PhD in International law' in the
graduate school of the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University**

The challenges of modern-day international relations require rigorous approaches to training a new generation of professionals, who would be able to apply knowledge in practice and carry out research, interpretation, and analytical activity to the highest standard.

The key to the successful development of a State seeking to integrate into the key international and regional institutions is the training of postgraduate research students in international law. Historically the Kharkiv School of International Law, based in the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, has been one of the leading schools of international law in Ukraine. The University's educational and research training programme in 'International law' is designed to integrate the latest research achievements, incorporate them into the educational process, and ensure that graduates acquire the appropriate competencies for their further successful independent research, pedagogical, policy-making, and analytical activities.

The educational and research 'International Law' programme consists of balanced interconnected and complementary elements, provides pedagogical practice, fosters innovative research methodology and academic integrity.

The analysis of the 'International law' educational and research programme indicates that its content was created taking into account the experience leading higher educational institutions in law, including foreign universities.

The implementation of the aforementioned programme involved highly qualified teachers of leading departments of the University, who have



appropriate professional theoretical training and research experience (including publications in journals which are parts of the research databases Scopus and Web of Science); participate in national and international research and educational projects; undertake regular internships and trainings; and cooperate with foreign institutions.

The advantage of the programme is its coordination with two research schools in the field of international law operating at the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, as well as a constant dialogue with other leading Ukrainian schools of international law, such as the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv and the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv.

The validity of the aforementioned programme at the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University is demonstrated by the high employment rate of its graduates in the last five years. Graduates of the programme are currently working at different Ukrainian universities (including the Institute of International Relations of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Kyiv International University, V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, Zhytomyr Polytechnic State University). Staff members of the Departments of European Law International Law are involved in writing and reviewing textbooks, manuals, and monographs published by other higher education institutions in Ukraine. The supporting evidence is transparent and available on the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University's official website and the official websites of other Ukrainian higher education institutions in law.

In general, the 'International Law' educational and research programme of the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University meets the declared third (educational and research) level of higher education and the European educational standards. Its implementation allows the formation of competencies needed to successfully solve a set of professional tasks and to ensure the relevance of learning outcomes to the needs of both participants in the educational process and potential employers.

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