CONCLUSION

of the Dissertation Council for the group of specialties/educational programs "6D020900, 8D02209 – Oriental Studies" at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University on the dissertation of Abdalla Moh'd Dyab al-Nouimat titled "Central Asia and the Caucasus in the Foreign Political Strategy of Iran (1991-2018)", submitted for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the specialty "6D020900 – Oriental Studies" (Protocol No. 5 dated May 15, 2025).

1. Based on the results of the resubmission, academic discussion, and evaluation of the revised dissertation, as well as the candidate's responses to the remarks previously made by the Dissertation Council (Protocol No. 1 dated March 13, 2025), the Council confirms that the key comments have been addressed and that the revised version meets the requirements for PhD-level academic research. The following improvements were noted:

1) Strengthening of Theoretical Foundations

The revised dissertation includes a detailed overview of the main theoretical approaches used in the research. The candidate has clearly defined the selected theories, including their key principles, and provided a sound justification for their relevance to the study. These theories have been explicitly applied to the analysis of Iran's strategy in the regions of Central Asia and the Caucasus.

2) Improved Methodological Framework

The methodology section has been substantially expanded. The candidate now clearly explains the research design, methods employed (historical-comparative analysis, discourse analysis, case studies), and their relevance to the topic. The choice of methods is well-justified, and their application is demonstrated throughout the dissertation.

3) Enhanced Analytical Depth

The revised version demonstrates significantly deeper analysis, moving beyond a descriptive approach. The candidate offers critical interpretations, supports conclusions with empirical evidence and academic sources, and presents logically argued findings.

4) Increased Use of Primary Sources

A broader and more representative range of primary sources has been incorporated, including official Iranian foreign policy documents, regional agreements, speeches, and other archival materials. This enhances the originality, reliability, and scientific value of the research.

5) Editorial and Linguistic Improvements

The dissertation underwent a comprehensive editorial revision. Language clarity, grammar, and academic style have been substantially improved.

Technical and formatting issues identified during the initial review have been corrected.

6) Inclusion of Visual Materials

To improve clarity and structure, the candidate included several visual aids (e.g., tables, charts, and maps) that effectively illustrate key findings, statistics, and regional dynamics. These additions support the coherence and accessibility of the argument.

2. Considering the successful revisions and the overall academic quality of the final version, the Dissertation Council has resolved to award Abdalla Moh'd Dyab al-Nouimat the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the specialty "6D020900 – Oriental Studies".

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