

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 Mubarak Ateeq Sultan Alafreet Alkuwaiti titled " *Transformation of Iran's Geopolitical Strategies in Regional and bilateral negotiations on the Status of the Caspian Sea*", submitted for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the specialty "6D020900 – Oriental Studies" (Protocol No. 6 dated May 15, 2025).

1. Based on the results of the re-submission and discussion of the revised dissertation, as well as the candidate's responses to the comments previously issued by the Dissertation Council (Protocol No. 2 dated March 13, 2025), the Dissertation Council acknowledges that all major remarks have been addressed in a satisfactory manner. The following improvements were noted:

1) Clarification of research methodology

The candidate has significantly revised the methodology section by providing clear explanations of how each declared method – such as historical analysis and content analysis – was applied in specific parts of the dissertation. Justifications for the choice of methods and their relevance to the research objectives have been thoroughly elaborated.

2) Improved structure and logical transitions

The structure of the dissertation has been enhanced by dividing the content into more logically organized sections and subsections. Transitions between chapters have been clarified, and chapter overviews now guide the reader through the argumentation.

3) Strengthened theoretical framework

The application of international relations theories, including neorealism, has been explicitly demonstrated. The theoretical foundations have been better integrated into the analysis of the Caspian Sea negotiations, with appropriate explanations and contextual relevance.

4) Expanded use of primary sources

The candidate has included a significant number of primary documents, including official Iranian legal and diplomatic sources, bilateral agreements, and policy statements. This has strengthened the empirical basis and scientific credibility of the study.

5) Proper referencing of definitions and concepts

All definitions used in the text are now accompanied by proper references to primary or scholarly sources, thereby ensuring academic rigor.

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6) Editorial and linguistic corrections

The final version of the dissertation has undergone comprehensive proofreading. The previously noted technical and grammatical errors have been corrected, and the overall quality of academic writing has improved.

2. Considering the candidate's diligent revisions and the positive expert evaluation of the revised dissertation, the Dissertation Council has decided to award Mubarak Ateeq Sultan Alafreet Alkuwaiti the academic degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the specialty 6D020900 – Oriental Studies.

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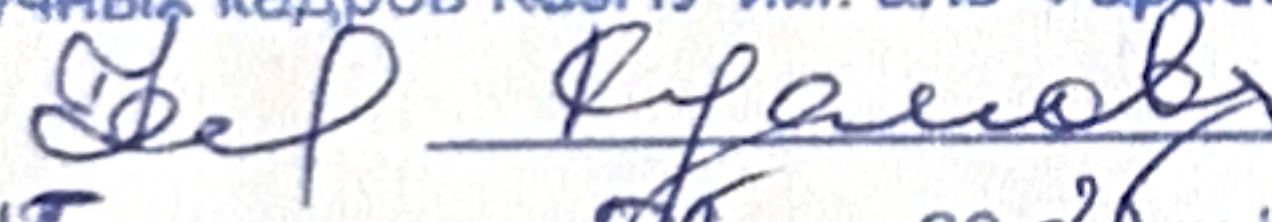
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