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STATEMENT

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of a dissertation on

**“EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF THE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE UNIT IN
THE CORPORATE SECURITY SERVICE”**

developed by Ivan Ivanov Kantardzhiev
presented for awarding the educational and scientific degree “Doctor”, scientific field
9. Security and Defense, professional field 9.1. National Security,
Doctoral Program “Administrative Security”

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1. Relevance and significance of the developed scientific problem.

The relevance of the dissertation on “Effectiveness and efficiency of the counterintelligence unit in the corporate security service” is determined by the need to introduce in support of business owners, proactive tools for planning and organizing the activities of corporate security services, optimal resources provision, and evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of corporate counterintelligence units (CCIU). The choice of specific protection measures depends largely on the structure of the corporation, as well as on the economic condition of the protected organization.

The dissertation presented by Ivan Ivanov Kantardzhiev enriches the theory in the field of national security of the Republic of Bulgaria, as the scientific research is aimed at filling the gap related to the effectiveness and efficiency of counterintelligence activities of corporate security services. The topic of the dissertation fully corresponds to the main content of the research. The tasks of the research are formulated correctly and allow to achieve the desired scientific results. The purpose of the dissertation is clearly defined, as a result of which a methodology and algorithm for financial support of the budget of the CCIU, methodology for organizing the activities of the CCIU, methodologies for determining the effectiveness and efficiency of the CCIU, which support the activities of managers in the management of corporate security structures. The doctoral student, Ivan Ivanov Kantardzhiev, meets the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of the Act on the development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria.

2. General characteristics and structure of the dissertation.

The content of the dissertation is structured in an introduction, three chapters each of which with conclusions, a conclusion, an appendix, and references. The main text is 156 pages long, including 39 figures, 10 tables, and 1 appendix. The references include 169 sources in Bulgarian, Russian and English. The topic of the dissertation corresponds to the main content of the paper. The doctoral student has correctly chosen the research methodology in the development of his dissertation, using tools including a systematic approach, systematic and comparative analysis, methods of expert evaluation, general scientific methods, and research techniques - literature review, comparison, and statistical processing of information, observation, and surveys.

Legislative acts, official statistical data, scientific literature, publications in the mass media, discourse, and questionnaires in Northeastern Bulgaria were used as the information base of the research.

The results of the study can be used by all working in the field of security of business organizations in our country and the management of private security and detective agencies. The results can also be applied in the learning process of students studying in the field of “Corporate Security”.

3. Evaluation of the scientific results and the contributions of the dissertation.

As a result of the development of the dissertation and the research conducted by the doctoral student, specific scientific and scientific-applied contributions have been achieved. The doctoral student has indicated 4 scientific and 6 scientific-applied contributions, which can be reduced by their more precise formulation. Nevertheless, I recognize the contributions mentioned in the dissertation and the abstract as a personal achievement of the author and define them as a contributing part of the dissertation in the scientific field.

4. Evaluation of dissertation and authorship publications.

On the topic of the dissertation, the author has presented 5 publications in Bulgarian, which have been published in scientific journals and presented at international scientific conferences in the country. Three of the doctoral student’s publications are independent and two are co-authored. The reports contain significant moments from the research and I believe that they have given the scientific community the opportunity to get acquainted with the dissertation. I do not have joint publications with the doctoral student and I am not aware whether the results of the research in the dissertation have been cited by other authors.

5. Literary awareness and competence of the doctoral student.

In the process of developing the dissertation, the doctoral student has processed and used 169 sources in Bulgarian, Russian, and English. The cited reference sources, the cited authors, and normative and regulatory documents guarantee the in-depth theoretical knowledge of the doctoral student on the main topic.

6. Evaluation of the abstract.

The abstract is developed according to the requirements and gives a complete idea of the scientific value and practical applicability of the achievements in the dissertation.

7. Critical notes.

Along with the positives in the dissertation of Ivan Ivanov Kantardzhiev, there are some weaknesses, of purely technical, semantic, and grammatical nature, which do not significantly affect the importance of contributions to the dissertation. My recommendation is that the doctoral student continue his research related to corporate security issues.

9. Conclusion.

The presented dissertation on “Effectiveness and efficiency of the counterintelligence unit in the corporate security service”, developed by the doctoral student Ivan Ivanov Kantardzhiev, is a comprehensive and complete scientific work on a specific scientific problem. The proposed analyzes, models, and programs in the dissertation are substantiated and useful, complementing and further developing the scientific achievements in the chosen subject area. The dissertation fully meets the requirements of the Act on the development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for its implementation in the part related to the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree “Doctor”.

9. Evaluation of the dissertation.

I express my positive assessment of the dissertation on “Effectiveness and efficiency of the counterintelligence unit in the corporate security service” and suggest the esteemed Scientific Jury award Ivan Ivanov Kantardzhiev the educational and scientific degree “Doctor” in higher education 9. “Security and Defense”, professional field 9.1. National Security, Doctoral Program “Administrative Security”.

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