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regarding the dissertation of

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on the subject:

**"IMPROVING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE STRUCTURES OF THE  
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AFFAIRS IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS"**

for awarding the educational and scientific degree "doctor",  
field of higher education 9. "Security and Defense", professional direction 9.1.  
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## **I. Evaluation of the results and contributions of the candidate in the dissertation work**

The content of the dissertation is structured in an introduction, three chapters, a conclusion in a volume of 141 pages, of which 131 pages are the main text, bibliographic reference - 121 sources, of which 50 are normative acts and guiding documents, publications on the subject – 3, appendices – 2.

The main goal of the author of the dissertation is to investigate the modern nature and content of emergency situations and based on that to generate direction for improving the management of the structures of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. The goal was achieved with the implementation of the set research tasks, which were appropriately defined and successfully solved.

Undoubtedly, the topicality of the chosen dissertation title and the conducted research is determined by its synchronicity with the endless course of the development of humanity, reflected in one of the main philosophical laws - "everything in the world is in constant motion", in various forms of its manifestation.

The object of the study, namely the structures of the Ministry of Internal Affairs with responsibilities in emergency situations and the subject - the management of the structures of the Ministry of Internal Affairs before, during and after the emergence of emergency situations, have been successfully defined and adopted. I accept the aptly accepted hypothesis of the research, which I interpret, that if the existing management of the structures of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in emergency situations is examined, scientifically based proposals for improvement at all stages of the management process can be generated. I would recommend that in his future research the author broadens the scope of his analysis with an interpretation of the extensive and apt systems theory, i.e. to apply the systems approach.

The accepted limitations of the study are balanced against the possibilities of the individual research effort, which is limited to examining the management of MIA structures during earthquakes, floods and riots.

To achieve the set goal, the doctoral student logically organizes his research in an introduction and three chapters in which he reveals, substantiates and proves his analyses and conclusions. As in the introduction, the main elements of the content of the dissertation work are well presented.

Logically, in the first chapter, entitled "Theoretical foundations of the management process in emergency situations", a theoretical analysis of the currently adopted management methodology and practice in emergency situations was carried out. Existing management functions are explored. On this basis, logical conclusions have been drawn for the improvement of management in the organizational structures of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in emergency situations. For this purpose, the existing classification of emergency situations and conceptual apparatus was analyzed.

In the second chapter, an analysis of emergency situations on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria was carried out. The essence and content of emergency situations have been thoroughly investigated and an appropriate author's assessment and vision for possible ones on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria has been proposed, which is undoubtedly a personal contribution of the doctoral student.

In the third chapter, entitled "Improving the management of the structures of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in emergency situations", as a result of the analyzes in the previous chapters, the author combines the theoretical with the empirical study of the activity of the main structures of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in emergency situations. Critically evaluates the obtained results in the context of improving the management of the structures of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in emergency situations. What the author proposes, I accept as a conceptual-generative model of the "System for automated management in the Ministry of Internal Affairs in emergency situations".

It indicates the main directions for improving the preparation of the bodies for managing the structures of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in emergency situations.

The author has appropriately selected the scientific tools, the methodology for conducting the research, has determined the important directions of the research, which has given him the opportunity to achieve the set research goals.

The theoretical contributions of the doctoral student can be summarized as systematization of scientific theories and methods, their interpretation and creation of new knowledge on the subject. I accept the proposed scientific and applied contributions, which can be synthesized, grouped and summarized as follows:

#### *Theoretical contributions*

1. A retrospective analysis of the existing knowledge and achievements in the management of the forces and resources of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in emergency situations was carried out.

2. The management process was studied and the main elements related to the improvement of the management of the structures of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in emergency situations were determined.

3. The main directions for improving the management of the structures of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in emergency situations have been defined.

#### *Applied Contributions*

1. A conceptual-generative structural model of the System for automated management in the Ministry of Internal Affairs in emergency situations was generated and the need for the creation of software for an Integrated Information System was proved.

2. It has been proven the need to increase the training of the employees of the management structures regarding the knowledge of management technologies and the essence of crisis processes and crisis management.

3. The obtained knowledge can be useful for specialists from the Ministry of Internal Affairs system, related to crisis management, students, doctoral students, etc., who are interested in the topic.

The analysis of the content of the presented dissertation and the specific and

shaped style of the doctoral student give me reason to conclude that they are his personal work and achievement. At the present time, within the scope of my competences, I have no data and grounds for finding plagiarism.

The abstract reflects faithfully and accurately the content and achievements of the dissertation work. It meets the requirements of the regulations in the Republic of Bulgaria and that of VUSI.

## **II. Critical evaluations, notes and recommendations**

In the review process, some minor technical and stylistic inaccuracies, incompleteness in some explanations were noticed. I recommend that in future studies the author also applies the systematic approach. The mentioned recommendations do not reduce the achievements of the doctoral student and do not affect my positive assessment of the dissertation work.

## **III. Conclusion**

On the basis of the overall content of the dissertation presented for the review and the achievements of the doctoral student, I give a positive assessment of his dissertation work, his scientific achievements, I vote positively and suggest the respected members of the scientific jury to vote positively for awarding the educational and scientific degree "doctor" in the field of higher education 9. "Security and defense", professional direction 9.1. "National Security", doctoral program "Combating crime and preserving public order" by **Stiliyan Ognyanov Krotnev**.

Member of the scientific jury: .....

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