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Subject: Review of a foreign scientific adviser to thesis research written by Madi Kenzhaliyev Zailagiuly on the subject "Constitutional Status of the 'Astana' International Financial Centre", submitted for the academic degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Jurisprudence

The candidate has submitted a dissertation which meticulously examines the complex aspects of the constitutional and legal frameworks underpinning the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC).

The core of the thesis is dedicated to a comprehensive analysis of the study's findings. In an organised manner, the candidate segmented the research into four principal sections, further divided into 14 subsections, along with a conclusion and a well-sourced bibliography.

In the initial section, the author adeptly elucidates the significance and function of the AIFC within the broader governmental structure of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The second section pivots to a detailed examination of the primary roles ascribed to the AIFC by the Constitution and its Constitutional Statute. This includes a critical analysis of the AIFC's substantive legal principles.

The third section offers an in-depth exploration of the AIFC's organisational and legal architecture. Here, the author conducts a thorough analysis of the six primary bodies of the AIFC, delving into the theoretical and practical challenges each body faces. The section also compares these findings with international benchmarks, proposing tangible solutions to the identified issues.

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In the final section, the author presents an insightful analysis of current hurdles in the legal regulation of the AIFC. The discussion extends to potential policy implementations that could foster the AIFC's further development.

From a formal standpoint, the thesis showcases an exemplary standard of academic rigour and clarity.

Within the framework of this thesis, the author has adeptly tackled complex legal issues surrounding the governance and operational efficacy of the AIFC.

In my professional opinion, the thesis research on the topic of "Constitutional Status of the 'Astana' International Financial Centre" is of a high calibre and warrants progression to public discussion and defense.



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