REVIEW
of the scientific consultant for a dissertation of Kenzhaliev Madi Zailagiuly on the topic "Constitutional Status of the "Astana" International Financial Center", submitted for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in specialty 8D04201 "Jurisprudence"

The presented dissertation is devoted to a practically unstudied and, at the same time, relevant scientific topic - the study of the constitutional and legal status of the Astana International Financial Center (AIFC).

The AIFC was created in Kazakhstan at the end of 2015 to develop the national and regional financial sector. Today, the status of the Astana International Financial Center (AIFC) is regulated by a separate Constitutional Law.

The goals of the AIFC are to attract investment into the country's economy by creating an attractive environment for investment in the financial services sector, developing local capital markets, ensuring their integration with the international capital market, asset management, financial technologies (FinTech), Islamic finance, development of insurance and banking services markets, as well as the green finance sector.

For the first time in the post-Soviet space, the AIFC introduced a common law system, on the basis of which the AIFC Court functions. It acts independently and is not part of the judicial system of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The official language of the AIFC is English.

The main part of the dissertation consists of four sections, combining 14 subsections.

The first section discusses the concept and meaning of the term "constitutional status", and then the constitutional status of the Astana International Financial Center itself is determined. The role and functions of the AIFC in the public administration system of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the history of its formation and development are revealed. In addition, the author paid special attention to the analysis of international practice of legal regulation of the activities of the world's leading financial centers.

The second section is devoted to the study of the main goals, objectives, operating principles and functions of the AIFC, established by the Constitutional Law on the AIFC. The territory, substantive law and language of the international financial center, the status of its participants, their activities and obligations are reviewed, the features of currency regulation, tax and visa regime in the AIFC territory are analyzed.

The third section is devoted to an in-depth study of the organizational and legal architecture of the AIFC. The author conducts a thorough analysis of the six main bodies of the AIFC, delving into the theoretical and practical problems associated with each of these bodies. A comparative analysis of the results of their activities with international experience in regulating the world's leading financial centers is also carried out, and most importantly, the author proposes his own ways to solve the identified problems.

In the final section, the applicant clearly formulated the main problems in the legal regulation and practice of the AIFC, related to the entry of "English law" into the legal system of Kazakhstan and its adaptation to new conditions, the use of the state (Kazakh), officially used (Russian) and English languages in the AIFC, application of Islamic law for the development of Islamic finance. On this basis, specific measures have been developed to solve emerging problems, including improving legislation, aimed at further development of the AIFC and its legal system.

The dissertation demonstrates an exemplary standard of academic work, completed in a coherent and clear manner. As part of this work, the author identified current scientific and legal problems of a theoretical and practical nature related to the regulation of the activities of the AIFC, its Court, as well as its other bodies, and also identified ways to solve specific problems.

The most interesting and worthy of careful study, although not indisputable, are the proposals of the dissertation author on the possible integration of the AIFC Court into the national judicial system of the Republic of Kazakhstan after introducing appropriate amendments to the Constitutional Law on the AIFC, identifying the place of decisions of this Court in the hierarchy of legal acts of the AIFC, including on the interpretation of legal acts, determining the list of common law jurisdictions that can be used by the AIFC Court when making decisions.

When writing a dissertation, the author complied with the principles of independence, internal unity, scientific novelty, reliability and practical value and academic integrity.

Dissertation by Kenzhaliev M.Z. on the topic "Constitutional Status of the "Astana"International Financial Center" was carried out at a high scientific and theoretical level, meets all the requirements and can be admitted for discussion at a meeting of the department "Jurisprudence and International Law" of the University "Turan" with subsequent submission for public defense to the dissertation council.

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