**Supervisor’s Opinion**

on

*Master’s thesis*

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on the topic:

“*Implementation of the United Nation Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: Russian perspective*”

The Thesis are devoted to the matter of great importance and complexity for the law and its policy.

Human rights concept, being a part of international public order, plays a fundamental role in defining objectives and instruments for activity of any public authorities. In the meantime, both governmental and municipal bodies, as well as private persons’ wellbeing depend on operation of the business.

The Author addresses such issues as the roots and reasons for development and formation of international legal regulations of business in context of human rights (Chapter 1), main characteristics of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (Chapter 2), as well as core specifics of regulations of the relationships in question in the Russian Federation (Chapter 3).

As a result of the research, Ms P. I. Korobova came to the conclusions, which are well-justified, based on analytic study of numerous legal and business resources, and should be supported.

1. For example, the Author states that “Enterprises on the territory of the Russian Federation should take the initiative to comply with international legal standards into their own hands and take on voluntary obligations to comply with them. The first step in the right direction would be to join the UN Global Compact and then change corporate codes in line with the principles of the UNGPs. In addition, all businesses within the Russian Federation should issue a mission statement to establish their human rights responsibilities in accordance with the UNGPs. The next step should  
   be to implement human rights due diligence at all levels and in all areas of business. This will allow assessing and subsequently leveling the risks of human rights violations, which will not only save companies' money, but also contribute to the development of corporate culture, as well as the growth of reputation in the international market. Ultimately, respect for human rights will lead to an increase   
   in the welfare of companies and the achievement of their main goal - to maximize profits”.

The following recommendation, developed in the Thesis, should be taken into consideration by the national and international authorities: In order to fill existing gaps in regulation of business and human rights, an international legal standard should take the form of an international treaty, be universal in scope and legally binding in nature. Finally, such a standard should provide for the establishment of an appropriate complaints mechanism at the state level, to which victims of adverse effects could apply.

Taking into account the above, I am confident that the research work undertaken by Ms P.I Korobova and reflected in the Thesis meets all necessary requirements, and deserves the highest mark.

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