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**The report of the opponent within the inauguration (professorship)
proceedings of Assoc. prof. JUDr. Katarína Chovancová**

I am honored to have been appointed one of the opponents within the inauguration (professorship) proceedings of Assoc. prof. JUDr. Katarína Chovancová, PhD., LL.M., MCI Arb in the branch of habilitation proceedings and procedures for the appointment of professors of International Law.

In my capacity as Professor of International Law and Head of the Department of International Law and Director of the Institute for International Law and International Relations at the Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana, and arbitrator and member of the Bureau of the Court of Conciliation and Arbitration with Europe, as well as member of the United Nations Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, I wish to provide the following assessment of the applicant:

I have become acquainted with Assoc. prof. JUDr. Katarína Chovancová in 2018, when she visited my University within the Erasmus+ teaching mobility programme and within a week delivered lectures to our students of Bologna I (Bachelor programme) and Bologna II (Master Programme in Law - International law module)

levels. This opportunity provided me with an excellent possibility to personally closely observe the work of the applicant, engage in academic discussions with her and obtain an insight into her engagements and interests in the area of international law. After having also carefully examined and reviewed the submitted applicant's *Overview of the Fulfillment of Criteria for Obtaining the Scientific-Pedagogical Title Professor* and the *Most Influential Legal Writings of the Applicant*, I am convinced that I can provide a comprehensive insight into both, the academic abilities of Assoc. prof. JUDr. Katarína Chovancová and her personality.

At the outset, I wish to stress that Assoc. prof. JUDr. Katarína Chovancová fulfils all the formally prescribed criteria for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title *Professor*. In fact, in many categories she significantly exceeds the prescribed requirements, most notably in the categories of projects she has been involved with, number of scientific monographs, scientific articles in domestic and foreign journals, and particularly in impressive number of citations of her works in foreign publications (218 – while only 10 are prescribed). She has also importantly complemented her impressive bibliography with other pedagogical and scientific activities and spoke at many scientific events, as well as conducted a number of visiting professorships and delivered lectures at foreign universities in Europe and beyond. She had been furthermore active and obtained important experience in foreign editorial board of a scientific journal (Karlovarská právní revue, Notitiae ex Academia Bratislavensi Iurisprudentiae, Visegrad Journal of Human Rights) and has been a supervisor or served on the commissions in a number of theses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Additionally, she is a member of a number of professional associations and societies in the area of international law and actively contributes to their work, including through active participation at international scientific symposia.

Furthermore, the list of the most influential legal writings of the applicant and citations of these works demonstrate that Assoc. prof. JUDr. Katarína Chovancová is an internationally recognized academic and her contributions highly valued in the scientific and professional community of international lawyers. She has already achieved significant distinction particularly in the field of international investment law and her contributions on investment arbitration and relevant standards and principles of international investment law (e.g. on *Fair and Equitable Treatment*) raise important issues and stimulate further scientific discussions.

In light of the above, I am firmly convinced that Assoc. prof. JUDr. Katarína Chovancová fully meets all the criteria for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title *Professor* and would continue to be an extraordinary addition to the Faculty of Law, Pan European University, as she will continue to provide excellent lectures and lead class discussions on issues of international law, contribute to scientific work on the pertinent international law issues in the Slovak republic and beyond and with her



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enthusiasm and willingness to take on new challenges and her pleasant personality enrich the academic community. Thus, I offer my strongest support to her application.

Should you require any further information, I remain at your disposal at my e-mail address: vasilka.sancin@pf.uni-lj.si

Yours faithfully,



Professor Vasilka Sancin, Ph.D.

