

Short statement of the supervisor on the Thesis: Mgr. Ján Králik: Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by UN Peacekeepers

The present PhD. Thesis of a standard length and approach deals with a new topic, which has not yet been sufficiently covered by Czech and Slovak authors. On balance, this topic raised an increasing interest both in the United Nations documents and foreign literature.

The phenomenon of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) was revealed at the turn of the 20th and 21st century. Since that time it has become also (but not exclusively) a subject of interest in international law, including the law of international organizations, to the extent that it relates to the UN Peacekeeping missions. This is the context in which the Thesis addresses the SEA.

In Introduction, the PhD. candidate not only explained his choice but also paid the due attention to methodology. He put the aims of the thesis, research questions and research methods.

The chosen approach justifies the structure of the thesis which is divided into four substantive chapters. At the end of every chapter is a brief summary. Chapter 1 outlines a concept and a brief history of the UN peacekeeping operations. Chapter 2 provides definitions of used terms (SEA, etc.) and describes special UN instruments related to peacekeeping missions. Chapters 3 and 4 in turn form the core of the thesis. They cover respectively the issues of application of the International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law to SEA by members of missions and responsibility of States and international organizations for crimes of SEA perpetrated by members of national peacekeeping contingents.

The thesis is ended with a relatively brief but comprehensive Conclusion. Moreover, it includes summaries in Czech and English and the list of sources and literature. The author exploited mostly the primary documents and scholarly writings in English.

The thesis is written in English, using a legal language which is clear, without errors. The conclusions are generally clear and well argued.

In my opinion, the paper meets the necessary criteria for doctoral thesis at the Charles University, therefore I fully recommend it to defence.

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