EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ON A DECISION

of the Standing Committee on Social and Legal Studies, National Security and Defense on the results of the completed evaluation procedure for programme accreditation of a doctoral programme “Journalism” of a professional field 3.5 “Public Communications and Information Sciences” at Shumen University “Episkop Konstantin Preslavski”

The procedure was opened by the Standing Committee on Social and Legal Studies and National Security and Defense on 28.01.2016 the request of the higher school. The expert panel, established by the Accreditation Council as of 06.10.2016 inspected the evaluated institution in the period 25-27.10.2016.

At a meeting held on 25.11.2016 the Standing Committee adopted the report of the expert panel and on its basis prepared a decision on the results from the completed programme accreditation. The decision reflected observations about the consistency of the evidence with the criteria system for the implemented procedure. In assessing the criteria measures in the controlled areas of activity (educational activity, an academic environment, scientific research results and scientific potential, availability of material and informational conditions for productive research and creative achievements in the doctoral programme and competitiveness of the doctoral programme), the Standing Committee applied the rating scale of ENQA. Verbal assessments on the criteria are "substantial compliance" and "full compliance" respectively and are in compliance with estimates and relevance of art. 79, para. 1 of the Higher Education Act.

After summarizing the results from voting on the basis of the adopted by the Accreditation Council to NEAA "Voting rules of procedures for accreditation and evaluation of projects", the Standing Committee on Social and Legal Studies, National Security and Defense took the following decision on: 25.11.2016:

1. Awards programme accreditation to a doctoral programme “Journalism” of a professional field 3.5 “Public Communications and Information Sciences”, an area of higher education “Social, economic and legal sciences” at Shumen University “Episkop Konstantin Preslavski” on the grounds of an overall assessment on the criteria of 9.23 (nine point twenty-three hundredths).

2. The validity of the accreditation is SIX years, according to Art. 79, para. 4 of the Higher Education Act.

The Standing Committee on Social and Legal Studies, National Security and Defense made the following recommendation:

To upgrade the material and technical base of the University Library. Deadline: constant, with annual reporting.

Chairperson of SC on SLSNSD

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