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To Whom It May Concern

Re: The PhD (History) Dissertation of Irina Shishkina

I write in support of the doctoral thesis of Irina Shishkina.

The revolutionary period in Irish history has always been attractive to historians and since the 'Decade of Centenaries' began in 2012, the proliferation of studies has accelerated at local, national and international level. The vast majority of this growing literature has been produced by Irish, British and Irish-American historians primarily through the medium of English language, and, to a lesser extent, Irish language.
This doctoral research in Russian, grounded in Irish archival sources, is welcome not just as a contribution to this growing historiography of the Irish revolution but, more particularly, to the consolidation and enrichment of Irish Studies programmes in Russia. Many of these programmes already have these key texts in English-language form (and some Russian translations), but having a native Russian doctoral student producing the first Russian-language thesis on Irish studies is a real fillip.

This work is most welcome and to be highly commended as significant contribution to Irish historiography and the Irish Studies in Russia.

With warm wishes.

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