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To Whom It May Concern:

As the Professor of the Department of Mathematical methods of system analysis in National Technical University of Ukraine “Kyiv Polytechnic Institute”, which is one of the major technical universities in Ukraine, I deem it a pleasure to recommend Ms. Olga Voitenko, one of the outstanding students and researchers in our department for admission into the Ph.D. program. She proved to be an excellent, strongly motivated student. I have known Olga for about four years; I am familiar with her training at the NTUU “KPI” and with her general background.

I would like to stress particularly Olga’s thirst for knowledge which is intensified by her strong determination and her deep interest in math modeling. I have been teaching several courses in NTUU KPI for the last fifteen years: “Applied statistics”, “Modelling of transition economy”, “Computer information systems developing”. While Ms. Voitenko was studying my courses I was surprised by her remarkable abilities of learning and grasping the essence of new ideas. Upon completing each course of lectures students pass an examination, which consists of complex research work and later an oral interview.

Olga showed deep understanding of the subjects and was given an excellent mark for her performance. I would like to emphasize that she was allowed to pass these exams before the appointed date, although it is a rare practice and is only granted to excellent students. Also I was a supervisor of Olga’s course project “Applying of linear models for analysis and forecasting financial time-series”. The research work in application of modern mathematical tools that she has done for me was brilliant.

I am sure that Olga will become an excellent researcher and will produce serious work of international quality. So I can say that she has not only possesses good knowledge in mathematics, but also has excellent abilities in statistics modeling, finance and programming. Olga is impressive as a student and future researcher. She has worked on a number of applied projects. She has a broad but deep background in modelling and mathematics of the sort that would seem to be perfect for various Ph.D. programs associated with applied math, statistical modelling, decision making support, etc.

Since her enrollment into our department with remarkable entrance scores, Olga has embodied the fine character of strong inquisition and industriousness in learning, which has gained her significant academic success during her studying. Olga has outstanding mathematical abilities that place her in the very top 3% of IASA students, winning scholarships of the university every year and allowed her to be awarded for “High achievement in scientific and educational activity” in IASA.

I have also discovered Olga to be perseverant and enthusiastic in studies and extracurricular activities. In the past college years, she has enthusiastically taken part in many students' societies, such as Student Council, System Analysis & Risk Management Group, Board of European Students of Technology. She also showed good public speaking skills at various presentations made at seminars and conferences. A bright young researcher, with blazing intelligence, energy, and determination, Ms. Voitenko deserves my first-rate recommendation. Thus, I would unqualifiedly recommend her for admission into the Ph.D. program at your university.

Very truly yours,

Mr. B\*\*\*\*k, Dr. of Sciences

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