**Form E-PhD.1**

**Preliminary Report and Recommendation of an Examiner on a Candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy**

*(Examiners are strongly requested to type their reports)*

Each Examiner is required to make an independent preliminary report and provisional recommendation on the thesis and to forward it to the Research Degrees Administrator before the oral or alternative examination is held. This report is not to be shown to the candidate, nor are its contents to be attributed in any way to the individual examiner. The report given in Section 3 may however be interpreted for the candidate by the Director of Studies, as long as the anonymity of the examiner is preserved.

***Where a candidate has completed a formally assessed programme of course work, the result of the assessment must be communicated to the Examiner of the thesis (Regulation 7.3 refers).***

**1. The Candidate**

Name in full:

Student number:

Name of collaborating establishment if any:

Title of thesis:

Date of submission:

**2. Name of \*External/\*Internal Examiner**

*(\*delete as appropriate)*

**3. Report of the Examiner on the thesis and any published work submitted**

The Examiner is requested to give a reasoned assessment of the candidate's performance with particular reference to Point 3.1.

**3.1** Does the thesis represent a significant contribution to knowledge of the subject by:

 (i) the discovery of new empirical data

and/or (ii) the exercise of independent critical powers

 and the generation of theoretical hypotheses?

**3.2** Does the thesis provide evidence of originality?

**3.3** Is the thesis satisfactory as regards literary presentation and succinctness?

**3.4** Is the abstract of the thesis submitted acceptable?

**3.5** In the case of a candidate who has completed a programme of formally

assessed course work under Regulation 7.3, is it evident in the thesis

that the candidate has benefited from the course of postgraduate study?

**3.6** In the case of a candidate whose research programme is part of a

 collaborative group project, does the thesis indicate clearly the

individual contribution and the extent of the collaboration?

**Report** (*A report of about 300 words should suffice;* c*ontinue on a new page if necessary)*

**4. Provisional Recommendation**

*If the Examiner wishes to suspend judgement until after the oral examination this should be stated below. If the candidate's performance in the oral examination is such as to necessitate an amendment to the recommendation made on this form, the final recommendation should be stated on Form E-PhD.2.*

 *Should the examiner decide that the thesis is not worthy of a PhD nor an MPhil award and could not be so after a viva examination, (s)he should state that here.*

Signed Date