



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Research question, definition of objectives	<b>10</b>	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	<b>30</b>	28
	Methodology, analysis, argument	<b>40</b>	38
<i>Total</i>		<b>80</b>	76
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources	<b>10</b>	10
	Style	<b>5</b>	5
	Formal requirements	<b>5</b>	5
<i>Total</i>		<b>20</b>	20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	96



## Evaluation

### Major criteria:

The thesis demonstrates a well-defined research design and clearly articulated objectives. The primary aim of this study is to explore effectiveness of peace operations by investigating the specific criteria and testing factors that influence it. Employing a qualitative case study methodology, alongside an explanatory and comparative approach, the research examines these criteria and factors in the context of two operations in Africa: MONUSCO and UNISFA. The research question is, "When the UN peace operation is effective?"

The literature review is comprehensive and encompasses key research on the effectiveness of peace operations, providing a solid foundation for the study.

In the theoretical section, the author offers clear definitions of key concepts. I particularly appreciate the distinction made between the success and effectiveness of peace operations.

Measuring effectiveness is indeed a challenging task, and the author has approached this challenge by defining four specific criteria: mandate fulfillment, limiting casualties, conflict containment, and conflict resolution. Additionally, the author has identified explanatory factors that further enrich the analysis. While the theoretical part includes a list of five hypotheses, it would be helpful if the author could provide more detail on how these hypotheses were formulated.

The methodological section is concise. However, it would be beneficial to elaborate on the sources of data used for each variable, providing greater clarity and transparency in the research process.

The empirical section presents a comprehensive and systematic analysis, drawing on a wide range of resources.

The final discussion, although insightful, is brief. It would be beneficial to expand this section by discussing the research findings in greater detail and considering the broader implications of the results.



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**Minor criteria:**

The thesis is well-structured and demonstrates a high level of coherence. The writing style is appropriate for academic work, and all formal requirements have been fulfilled. I appreciate the use of charts and graphs, which effectively visualize key facts and enhance the clarity of the arguments presented.

However, it might benefit if tables were included after the section on explanatory factors, similar to their inclusion after the discussion on criteria of effectiveness. This addition would provide a clearer and more organized presentation of the information, making the thesis even more accessible and easier to follow.

**Assessment of plagiarism: 17 %**

**Overall evaluation:**

The thesis addresses a highly relevant topic and is well-written. The literature review is thorough, and the theoretical section effectively establishes a solid foundation for the subsequent analysis. The analysis itself is comprehensive, drawing upon a wide range of sources to support its findings.

While there are areas that could benefit from further development, particularly the methodological part and the final discussion, the overall quality of the thesis remains high.

**Suggested grade: A**

**Signature:**