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1. Abstract Opening

Thesis statement: Innovation of financial autonomy and self-responsibility mechanism for Science and Technology public institutions in Vietnam

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2. Abstract Content

Firstly, innovation of financial autonomy and self-responsibility mechanism for Science and Technology (S&T) public institutions is understood as reconciliation of all elements regarding to financial autonomy and self-responsibility mechanism for S&T public institutions, which include: inputs, activities, outputs and long-term impact.

Secondly, innovation of financial autonomy and self-responsibility mechanism for S&T public institution still retain many drawbacks. First is restriction in the funding modality for regular activities in S&T public institutions: i) The payrolls of S&T institutions pertain an increasing trend because S&T institutions ask for more staffing in order to have additional funding for regular activities and also because many people want to become regular officials in S&T institutions for stable monthly payment paid out of the State budget; ii) Leaders of S&T public institutions have difficulties in balancing the financial revenues - expenditures to sustain the operation of the apparatus; iii) The income of S&T regular officials in S&T public institutions being calculated in average is inconsistent to the innovative nature of research activities, which gives a rise to the "brain drain" phenomenon; iv) Leaders of S&T public institutions do not have cardinal tools to run the organizations. Second is restriction in the funding modality for implementation of S&T missions: i) The funding deployment still follows rigid planning processes; ii) The cost norms are inadequate to the reality; iii) The accounting procedures are still rigid and complex; iv) The incentives for researchers still have many drawbacks.

Thirdly, to continue the innovation of financial autonomy, self-responsibility for S&T public institutions in Vietnam, it is advisable that these follow measures are carried out simultaneously: (1) Renovation of current legal provisions; (2) Renovation of the funding modality for regular activities through missions by including cost estimations for regular activities in missions of S&T public institutions; (3) Renovation of financing mechanism for S&T missions funded out of the State budget (which include: elevate the cost norms for S&T missions to be practically viable; renovation of lump sum modality in implementation of S&T missions funded out of the State budget, aiming at lump sum for end products; renovation of funding modality for S&T activities into funding mechanism); (4) Formulation of institutional income budget to pay for wages and allowances of S&T officials; (5) Improvement of efficiency in fund raising for science and technology through diversification of investment resources, renovation of the mechanism to distribute and utilize the State budget; (6) Supporting measures such as capacity building for S&T officials, raising awareness in S&T.

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