**Model letter 7 – Admission to Public Defence, approval Title Page**

To: Board of Deans, p.a UM PhD Office

From: Doctoral Candidate, Principal Supervisor

Cc: Director Graduate School / Research Institute

Date: …

Reference: *Doctoral candidate (as stated as in passport):*

Subject: Admission to Public Defence, approval Title Page

Attachment: If applicable, joint/double degree agreement

Dear Board of Deans,

Following the approval of my dissertation, including an impact paragraph[[1]](#footnote-1), by the Assessment Committee, I now wish to defend my dissertation publicly in order to obtain the degree of Doctor at Maastricht University. I herewith confirm that I have met all criteria to be admitted to the defence, as stipulated in the Doctoral Regulations[[2]](#footnote-2). My principal supervisor confirms this by signing this letter as well.

Following the Doctoral Regulations[[3]](#footnote-3), I propose to defend my dissertation, entitled *[title dissertation]*, on *[date]*. That date was selected in consultation with the PhD Office and the supervisory team. By means of confirmation, could you please approve the proposed title page that I have added to this letter as an attachment, by putting your initials on both sides of the page?

*[Optional, in case of a Joint or Double Doctorate]*: The title page is compliant to what has been agreed in the agreement underlying my Joint/Double Doctorate project. A copy of this agreement is included, and in case of a joint doctorate, the draft certificate is included.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Date:

Signature and name doctoral candidate:

Date:

Signature and name principal supervisor:

**Title page of dissertation[[4]](#footnote-4)**

TITLE OF THE DISSERTATION

Subtitle of the dissertation

DISSERTATION

to obtain the degree of Doctor at Maastricht University,

on the authority of the Rector Magnificus, Prof. dr. Pamela Habibović

in accordance with the decision of the Board of Deans,

to be defended in public on. . . . . . . day. . . . . . (date+month) 20. . . . (year), at. . . . . . hours

by *[official first names and last name of doctoral candidate, as in passport or other official documents]*

**Reverse of title page**

Supervisor(s):

Title, First Name, last name, affiliation

Co-supervisor(s):

Title, First Name, last name, affiliation

Assessment Committee

*(Please list the members of the Assessment Committee. First the chair, next other members in alphabetical order):*

Chair: Title, First Name, last name, affiliation

Members: Title, First Name, last name, affiliation

*(Optional:)*

*Organizations that contributed to the doctoral research*

1. Article 12.8 and 12.9. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Article 19. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Article 20. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. In case of a Joint or Double Doctorate, small adaptations to the title page are required. Please contact the PhD Office. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)