SUMMARY ON THE NEW CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

- 1. Title: Implementing the Functions of the State in Managing Social Development in Contemporary Vietnam
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First, in terms of theoretical contributions, the dissertation establishes a system of fundamental concepts related to the topic. It clarifies the connotations of key terms such as "social development management", "functions of the state", and "implementation of state functions in social development management"; introduces and analyzes the concept of "national governance culture"; and identifies key factors influencing the implementation of state functions in managing social development in contemporary Vietnam.

Second, the dissertation conducts an in-depth survey and assessment of the current state of implementing state functions in managing social development in Vietnam. It highlights both the achievements and the limitations of this process through the analysis of how the State concretizes the Party's guidelines on social development management within the legal system; the development of strategies and plans to realize social development goals; the organization and implementation of these strategies and plans; and the mobilization of resources to achieve social development objectives. From this analysis, the dissertation identifies the underlying causes of both achievements and shortcomings, as well

as the emerging issues in the implementation of state functions in social development management in contemporary Vietnam.

Third, the dissertation proposes systematic, feasible, and comprehensive orientations and solutions to enhance the effectiveness of implementing state functions in managing social development in Vietnam today. These include several scientific solution groups: solutions for concretizing the Party's guidelines on social development management within the legal system; solutions for formulating and implementing strategies and plans to achieve social development goals; solutions for organizing and executing these strategies and plans; solutions for mobilizing resources to realize social development objectives; and solutions for fostering a *national governance culture* as a foundation for sustainable and effective state management.

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