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**REGISTER OF DAMAGE
CAUSED BY THE AGGRESSION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
AGAINST UKRAINE**

**Rules governing access to documents and information
of the Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression
of the Russian Federation Against Ukraine**

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Adopted by the Board of the Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation Against Ukraine on 2 July 2024 .

Approved by the Conference of Participants of the Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation Against Ukraine on 8 July 2024.

Recalling that the Council of Europe information policy is based on the principle that “transparency is the rule and confidentiality the exception”;

Recalling also that the policy on access to documents laid down in Resolution Res(2001)6 of 12 June 2001 on access to Council of Europe documents should be applied by the Partial Agreements of the Council of Europe, without prejudice to more favourable rules on access already applied by certain Partial Agreements, and subject to duly reasoned specific exceptions which may be adopted by the competent governing bodies;

Bearing in mind Article 11 of the Statute of the Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation Against Ukraine;

Guided by the rules and regulations of the Register, including the Principles on the Protection of Personal Data in the Work of the Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation Against Ukraine, as approved by the Conference of Participants.

Capitalised terms in these Rules shall have the meaning ascribed to them in Article 1 of the Rules Governing the Submission, Processing and Recording of Claims of the Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation Against Ukraine.

I. Information related to Claims, including Evidence

To ensure respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and in particular Claimants’ right to privacy and protection of personal data, as well as to ensure security of sensitive information, all information on Claims and damage, including any Evidence, submitted to the Register by Claimants, as well as decisions on Claims that enable identification of individuals, shall be and shall remain secret and shall not be made public by the Register. Any summaries of the Board’s decisions shall be made public as long as such summaries do not contain information that enables the identification of individuals.

II. Documentation

1. In accordance with Article 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Participants and without prejudice to Article 11 of the Statute, Conference of Participants’ documents, including the Abridged reports of the meetings of the Conference of Participants, shall be made public after the meeting of the Conference for which they were prepared, unless the Conference decides otherwise.
2. The Board’s quarterly reports to the Conference of Participants under Article 6.9 of the Statute shall be made public.

3. Internal documents of the Board or the Secretariat, such as drafts, briefing notes, summaries etc, relating to the policies, activities and decisions falling within the Register's mandate are only accessible to internal users, i.e., Board members and staff of the Register.
4. If such internal documents, including provisional versions of documents, are related to the Conference of Participants, they are accessible to Participants and Associate Members of the Register but shall not be made public. Their final versions will become public once adopted by the Conference.

III. Review

These Rules shall be reviewed in the event of amendment of Resolution Res(2001)6 of 12 June 2001 on access to Council of Europe documents to ensure the equivalent safeguards of information and documentation of the Register.

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