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Adopted by the Board of the Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine on 29 June 2026.

Approved by the Conference of Participants of the Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine on 26 October 2026.

Article 1. Use of Terms

1. Capitalised terms used 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.

2. In addition, the following definitions apply for the purpose of these Rules:

   (a) "**Applicant**" means an individual who has applied to succeed to one or more claims submitted by a deceased person to the Register during the deceased person's lifetime.

   (b) "**Civil partner**" means an individual, regardless of gender, who at the time of death of the deceased maintained a long-term close relationship with the deceased, lived and maintained household together with the deceased, had common major expenditures, or provided assistance to one another and maintained other elements of a family relationship.[1]

   (c) "**Immediate family member**" means:

      i. the deceased person's parent (biological, legally recognised adoptive parent or stepparent (spouse of a parent));

      ii. the deceased person's spouse (by way of legal marriage) or Civil partner; or

      iii. the deceased person's child (biological, legally recognised adopted child or stepchild (child of a spouse or of a civil partner)).

   (d) "**International Claims Commission**" means the International Claims Commission for Ukraine established through the Convention establishing an International Claims Commission for Ukraine (CETS No. 229) signed on 16 December 2025.

[1] Documents that may establish the civil partnership of the Applicant with the deceased may include court decisions, certificates of inheritance, wills, documentation of co-habitation, financial records (joint bank accounts, joint credit card statements, mortgage contracts, bank guarantees, shared bills, evidence of shared expenses), correspondence addressed to both individuals at the same address (letters, packages, official documents), social media and digital presence (public digital presence as a couple such as joint social media accounts, shared photos, status updates, or online interactions), photos, videos, healthcare and insurance records (listing as emergency contacts, beneficiaries, or dependants), documents proving the right to receive surviving dependant's pension benefits etc.

Article 2. Succession to Claims Submitted by a Deceased Person During Their Lifetime

1. Where a natural person passes away after having submitted one or more Claims to the Register, an Immediate family member may submit an application to the Register to succeed to such Claims.

2. An application shall be submitted through Diia.

3. An Applicant shall submit proof of their identity, as well as proof of their family relationship to the deceased Claimant, in order to establish the eligibility of their application.

4. An eligible application shall be attached by the Secretariat to all Claims submitted by the deceased in the Reparations Claims Management System (RCMS) as long as such Claims have not been withdrawn by the deceased or rejected by the Board.

5. In case multiple Immediate family members submit applications regarding the same deceased Claimant, all eligible applications shall be attached by the Secretariat to the Claims submitted by the deceased.

6. Such attachment is without prejudice to a decision on the merits of the Claim itself or any future payout of compensation by the International Claims Commission and/or a future compensation fund.

7. Applicants shall be informed of any change of status of their application through Diia.

Article 3. Submission of New Claims Concerning Losses Incurred by a Deceased Person During Their Lifetime in Claims Categories A3

1. In case a natural person has incurred damage, loss or injury encompassed by Claims categories A3 (Claims related to loss of property, income or livelihood) but passes away before having submitted a related Claim to the Register, an Immediate family member may submit a Claim in their own name with regard to such damage, loss or injury.

2. An Immediate family member submitting a Claim for the damage, loss or injury incurred by a deceased person during their lifetime shall indicate that they are claiming as a successor to the deceased and submit proof of the required family relationship.

Article 4. Implementation

1. These Rules shall be implemented in phases, taking into account the availability of the relevant technical systems.