

# **MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION**

in the development and implementation of legal mechanisms for compensation for damages caused to victims of unlawful military aggression



Taking into account the aspirations of the parties to this Memorandum to establish international cooperation and support in the development and implementation of legal mechanisms for compensation for damages caused to victims of unlawful military aggression,

#### Taking into account:

- The Charter of the United Nations, which calls on states to settle disputes by peaceful means and refrain from the use of force;
- Statute of the Council of Europe (ETS No. 1), which emphasizes the vital importance of strengthening peace on the basis
  of justice and international cooperation;
- UN General Assembly Resolution 60/147 «Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law» (16.12.2005);
- UN General Assembly Resolution ES-11/5 «Furtherance of remedy and reparation for aggression against Ukraine» (14.11.2022);
- Resolution CM/Res(2023)3 establishing the Enlarged Partial Agreement on the Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression
  of the Russian Federation against Ukraine (12.05.2023),

Recognizing the importance and obligatory responsibility of states and other actors for violations of international law,

The members of the NGO «International Legal Association "Ukrainian Revival" and other participants who express their voluntary desire and consent to join this Memorandum have reached the following agreements.

## 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum is to create an international platform for the development and implementation of legal mechanisms for compensation for damages caused to victims of unlawful military aggression.

## 2. SCOPE

The envisaged cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding covers, in particular, the following:

- coordination and mutual exchange of knowledge and experience in the development and implementation of legal mechanisms for compensation for damages caused to victims of unlawful military aggression;
- exchange of information that can help create effective mechanisms for bringing violators of international law to justice, with due respect for confidential information, intellectual property rights and personal data;
- joint participation in conferences, committees, working groups and other events (if necessary and with the consent of the Participants);
- joint consultations between the Members on the features of application of local and international legal norms in different jurisdictions and on other issues of joint interest to the Members.

## 3. CORE AREAS AND MEANS OF COOPERATION

The main areas and means of cooperation under this Memorandum are as follows:

- Support the development of proposals for international institutions and organisations to establish or improve existing
  mechanisms for compensation for damages caused to victims of unlawful military aggression;
- Support the improvement of national legislation in Ukraine and other jurisdictions to ensure effective international cooperation in bringing to justice perpetrators of international law violations;
- Preparing and filing of lawsuits against states, companies and other entities involved in unlawful military aggression or benefiting from the conflict;
- Organization of legal support for affected individuals and businesses, including information and consultation support, assistance in collecting evidence, drafting claims and complaints, and representation in courts and arbitration institutions;
- Ensuring cooperation with other international and national organisations to achieve a common goal;
- Media coverage of the activities of the Memorandum's members to draw public attention to the problems related to unlawful
  military aggression.



## 4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This Memorandum is a statement of intent that is not legally binding and is not subject to enforcement. The Participants voluntarily cooperate and interact within the framework of this Memorandum, making every effort to achieve a common goal. The Parties will settle any dispute or disagreements relating to or arising out of this Memorandum in an amicable way through consultations and negotiations in good faith, without recourse to any international court, tribunal or other organization or a third party to settle the dispute.

## 5. OPENNESS

This Memorandum is public and open. Joining this Memorandum by filling out the registration form or by sending a letter to the e-mail address info@ukrainianrevival.com.ua confirming the intention to join the list of members of this Memorandum. The members of the Memorandum call on lawyers, law firms, national and international human rights and other organizations to join the Memorandum and to make efforts to develop and implement legal mechanisms for compensation for damages caused to victims of illegal military aggression.

