

RD4U-Board-CLD(2025)02

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

Board Decision

Category A3.1 - Damage or Destruction of Residential Immovable Property

Group G-A3.1-000004

(Various locations, Property Register data, and manual verification of satellite imagery)

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Technical Summary

1.	RCMS Group ID	G-A3.1-000004
2.	Date of submission to the Board	16 March 2025
3.	Category of Claims in the Group	A3.1
4.	Description	Claims from various locations that are supported by entries in the Property Register and where damage to or destruction of the property has been verified by satellite imagery analysis
5.	Number of Claims	848
6.	Submitted by Claimants on their own behalf	848
7.	Submitted by Representatives using Digital Authority	0
8.	Submitted by a parent or guardian	0
9.	Submitted through CPAS	0
10	Data from integrated registers or databases	Demographic RegisterProperty Register
11	. External data	Satellite imagery
12	Use of mass claims processing methods and techniques	Grouping
13	. Use of AI in processing	No
14	Executive Director's Recommendation	To record all Claims in the Register





I. Introduction

- 1. This Group comprises 848 claims (the "Claims") in Category A3.1 Damage or Destruction of Residential Immovable Property.
- 2. The Claims have been reviewed by the Secretariat in accordance with Article 19 of the Claims Rules.

II. Methodology

- 3. The following criteria were applied by the Secretariat to identify the Claims in this Group:
 - a. the Claims were filed by natural persons who are Ukrainian nationals;
 - b. the Claims concern damage or destruction to residential immovable property;
 - c. the Claims concern properties included in the State Register of Property Rights to Immovable Property ("Property Register");
 - d. the Claims are not included in Ukraine's Register of Damaged and Destroyed Property ("RDDP");
 - e. damage or destruction of the properties is visible on publicly available satellite imagery;
 - f. the Claims fulfil the general requirements set out in Articles 10 and 13 of the Claim Rules, as well as the technical requirements prescribed by Article 17 of the Claims Rules.
- 4. The Board has reviewed the criteria and the methodology applied by the Secretariat to identify and select the Claims in the Reparations Claims Management System ("RCMS") for inclusion in this Group. Moreover, the Board has assessed the verification conducted by the Secretariat to ensure that the Claims meet the eligibility criteria, including the techniques applied to exclude potential duplicate claims.
- 5. The Board has further reviewed the Secretariat's reliance on publicly available satellite imagery. As noted in its Decision on Group G-A3.1-000004, the Board considers that such data may be considered in addition to the supporting evidence filed with the Claims in accordance with Article 19(3) of the Claims Rules.¹

III. The Board's Assessment

6. Article 6.5(c) of the Statute of the Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine (the "Statute") provides that the Board has the 'ultimate authority in determining the eligibility of claims to be recorded in the Register, based on the recommendation of the Executive Director. In accordance with Article 2.1 of the Statute, the Register's role is to assess and determine the "eligibility of claims for inclusion in the Register" and to record eligible claims "for the purposes of their future examination and

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¹ Board Decision on Group G-A3.1-000002 (12 December 2024) RD4U-Board-CLD(2024)02 [5].





- adjudication". The Register does not any have adjudicative functions with respect to such claims, including determination of responsibility and amount of compensation.
- 7. On this basis, the Board considers that in the performance of its functions under the Statute, its role is limited to ascertaining whether the criteria for the eligibility of claims submitted, as laid down in Article 2.2 of the Statute and Article 18 of the Claims Rules, have been met. This determination is made applying a *prima facie* standard of review of the evidence and information in the recommendation of the Executive Director.
- 8. In accordance with Article 18 of the Claims Rules, claims shall be eligible for recording if they meet the following criteria:
 - a. the claims are submitted by or on behalf of an eligible Claimant;
 - b. the claims are for damage, loss or injury that occurred on or after 24 February 2022;
 - c. the claims are for damage, loss or injury that occurred in the territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognised borders, extending to its territorial waters; and
 - d. the claims are for damage, loss or injury that was caused by the Russian Federation's internationally wrongful acts in or against Ukraine.
- 9. Claims cannot be recorded in the Register if they are manifestly unfounded.
- 10. The Claimants in this Group are natural persons of Ukrainian nationality, submitting Claims on their own behalf. All Claims concern damage or destruction that occurred on or after 24 February 2022 based on the date of event indicated by the Claimants. All damage or destruction claimed for by the Claimants in this Group occurred within the internationally recognised borders of Ukraine.
- 11. All Claims are included in the Property Register and concern damage or destruction caused by (i) aerial attacks, (ii) artillery shelling, (iii) combat in frontal or prefrontal areas, (iv) damage sustained while under occupation or other acts linked to the internationally wrongful acts of the Russian Federation.
- 12. As noted in previous decisions, the Board considers the inclusion of a property in the Property Register sufficient proof of ownership by the Claimant.²
- 13. The Board further considers that the comparison of sufficiently detailed satellite imagery prepredating and post-dating the event indicated by Claimants constitutes relevant evidence for the existence of damage or destruction, as well as for the causal link to the internationally wrongful acts of the Russian Federation.
- 14. The Board therefore determines that the eligibility criteria in Article 18 of the Claims Rules for recording the Claims in the Register are met.

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² Board Decision on Group G-A3.1-000001 (12 December 2024) RD4U-Board-CLD(2024)01 [12]; Board Decision on Group G-A3.1-000002 (12 December 2024) RD4U-Board-CLD(2024)02 [12].





IV. Decision

15. Pursuant to Articles 21(7) and (8) of the Claims Rules, the Claims in Group **G-A3.1-000004**, as listed in RCMS, shall be recorded in the Register.

Robert Spano

Chair of the Board of the Register of Damage for Ukraine

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