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## Resolution CM/Res(2026)2 on the creation of the Preparatory Committee for the International Claims Commission for Ukraine

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 25 February 2026  
at the 1551<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

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The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 17 of the Statute of the Council of Europe (ETS No. 1),

Having regard to the United Nations General Assembly Resolution ES-11/5 of 14 November 2022 entitled "Furtherance of remedy and reparation for aggression against Ukraine";

Having regard to the Council of Europe Reykjavík Summit Declaration "United around our values", establishing the Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine and expressing willingness to engage with the international community in developing an international comprehensive compensation mechanism which may include a claims commission;

Having regard to the decisions of the Committee of Ministers on the "Council of Europe action in support of Ukraine: present and future", adopted on 14 May 2025, welcoming the efforts to achieve agreement on the establishment of a Claims Commission for Ukraine, possibly under the auspices of the Council of Europe, and encouraging timely completion of this work, while ensuring the widest possible participation and support;

Having regard to the Council of Europe Convention establishing an International Claims Commission for Ukraine, adopted and opened for signature on 16 December 2025, and signed to date by 35 States and the European Union;

Having regard to the Resolution of the Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of the Convention Establishing an International Claims Commission for Ukraine, adopted on 16 December 2025, requesting the Committee of Ministers to establish a committee to function as a Preparatory Committee for the International Claims Commission for Ukraine;

Recalling its Resolution CM/Res(2023)3 of 12 May 2023 establishing the Enlarged Partial Agreement on the Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, as confirmed by Resolution CM/Res(2025)3 of 9 July 2025;

Recognising the need to establish the International Claims Commission for Ukraine without undue delay and to make the necessary arrangements for the commencement of its functions and the fulfilment of its mandate;

Decides to create the Preparatory Committee for the International Claims Commission for Ukraine, and to adopt its statute as appended thereto.

*Appendix to Resolution CM/Res(2026)2***Statute of the Preparatory Committee for the International Claims Commission for Ukraine****Article 1**

The Preparatory Committee for the International Claims Commission for Ukraine ("Preparatory Committee") is a technical committee established in the framework of the Council of Europe and shall be entrusted with the task to prepare proposals and practical arrangements for the establishment and coming into operation of the Commission, including the following draft documents to be adopted by the Assembly of the Commission:

- a. rules of procedure of the Assembly of the Commission;
- b. rules and procedure for the nomination and election of the Executive Director;
- c. rules and procedure for the election of members of the Financial Committee;
- d. a provisional budget for the first financial year of the Commission; and
- e. a scale for annual assessed contributions of members.

It shall prepare a report on all matters within its mandate and submit it to the first meeting of the Assembly of the Commission, as well as inform the Committee of Ministers.

**Article 2**

The Preparatory Committee shall consist of the signatories of the Council of Europe open Convention establishing an International Claims Commission for Ukraine. Each Signatory shall appoint a representative to the Preparatory Committee and may designate substitutes.

The Preparatory Committee may decide to invite other members and observers of the Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of the Convention establishing an International Claims Commission for Ukraine to become observers to the Preparatory Committee. After being invited, each State concerned shall appoint a representative to the Preparatory Committee and may designate substitutes.

**Article 3**

The Preparatory Committee, at its first meeting, shall elect its Chair and Vice-Chair, adopt its rules of procedure and decide on its programme of work.

Until the rules of procedure are adopted, decisions of the Preparatory Committee are taken by consensus. However, if consensus proves impossible, decisions shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast. Each member of the committee shall have one vote. The presence of a two-thirds majority of members having designated a representative to the Preparatory Committee is required for any decision making of the Preparatory Committee.

**Article 4**

The Preparatory Committee shall meet in The Hague, the Netherlands. Any costs arising from such meetings shall be financed by voluntary contributions of members and observers of the Preparatory Committee. Representatives of members and observers in the Preparatory Committee shall defray their own travel and subsistence expenses. The Preparatory Committee may also decide to meet online.

The meetings shall be held in camera unless the Preparatory Committee decides otherwise.

The working languages of the Preparatory Committee shall be the two official languages of the Council of Europe, English and French.

**Article 5**

The Secretary General of the Council of Europe shall convene the meetings of the Preparatory Committee.

**Article 6**

The Secretariat of the Council of Europe shall serve as the secretariat of the Preparatory Committee.

It shall prepare the draft rules of procedure and the draft programme of work of the Preparatory Committee ahead of its first meeting.

**Article 7**

The Preparatory Committee shall remain in existence until the conclusion of the first meeting of the Assembly of the Commission, provided that it is appropriately funded by voluntary contributions of its members and observers.