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Council of Europe Transparency Framework

1. The Council of Europe values its 75 years-long documentary heritage and historical knowledge, preserved and made accessible, with the interests of future generations in mind.
2. The Reykjavík Declaration has set the Council of Europe on a path of increased transparency and co-operation with all its stakeholders and with strengthened visibility and sufficient resources. The transparency framework for the Organisation's intergovernmental and other deliberations is designed to take into account the opportunities and challenges of new and emerging technologies.
3. The Council of Europe Transparency Framework embodies our commitment to fostering good governance, democracy and pluralism, through transparency and accountability. We recognise that transparency of public authorities is fundamental to building trust, combating corruption, and empowering citizens to actively engage in matters of public interest.
4. Our mission is to ensure that the Council of Europe operates with transparency, allowing for open access to information. We believe that access to official documents provides not only crucial support for fundamental human rights but also constitutes a cornerstone of democracy, enabling individuals to fully exercise their rights and hold authorities accountable. The Council of Europe is committed to ensuring public access to documents and to consider further transparency of its statutory bodies while safeguarding privacy rights, legitimate interests of member States and the security of the Organisation.
5. Further consideration should be given to Resolution Res(2000)2 and Resolution Res(2001)6 which, together with specific implementation guidelines set by procedural decisions and rules, remain the basis of the Council of Europe's information strategy and rules on access to documents. The Committee of Ministers undertakes to make public a register of documents.