Single Resolution Board

SRB-YELLOW

Additional Assurance Requirements

2027 contribution period
Additional Assurance ("AA")

The objective of this document is to clarify to National Resolution Authorities ("**NRAs**") and institutions the content and form of the additional assurance requirements ("**AAR**") on the data collected for the 2027 contribution period, along with restatements of past cycles, if any, performed during that contribution period.

This document is divided into the following sections:

1. Introduction

2. Agreed-upon procedures ("AUP")

The AUP Report shall include the following annexes:
ANNEX I – Procedures performed and description of factual findings
ANNEX II – Data Reporting Form ("**DRF**") of the institution

3. Sign-off Form

ANNEX III (of this document)– Sign-off Form (only applicable to restatements)

1. Introduction

In order to enhance the comparability of the reported information and the effectiveness of processing the information received, some institutions are requested to provide additional assurance on data to be used in the eventual calculation and collection of **2027 *ex-ante* contributions**.

- **Scope of institutions:** requesting additional assurance from all contributing institutions that are part of a group that falls under direct ECB supervision, unless it is subject (only) to the lump-sum payment[1] and has not asked for the alternative contribution[2].

- **Agreed-upon procedures ("AUP"):** institutions in scope must provide confirmation by an auditor on the specific data points indicated for the 2027 contribution period.

- **Scope of AUP:** the scope of the AUP includes covered deposits (as a deduction), derivative adjustment, intragroup, IPS and promotional loans-related liabilities that qualify for deduction in accordance with Article 5(1) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63 (the "**CDR**"), and own funds (*the latter data point only for institutions that benefit from a waiver from the competent authority for own funds reporting at individual level)*.

- **Discretion of the NRAs:** NRAs are empowered with the discretion to extend the scope of institutions and the data covered by the AUP. The NRA should afterwards inform the SRB if this discretion is used.

In order to ensure that a harmonised approach is taken in all jurisdictions, a template for the engagements to perform AUP regarding financial information is provided in Annex I *('ANNEX I – Procedures performed and description of factual findings')* of this document.

This Template is to be used by institutions in the Additional Assurance scope and therefore subject to confirmation by an auditor (i.e. AUP). **This document is to be included in the reports of the auditor on the AUP as annex I while the data reporting form (DRF) of the institutions is to be attached as annex II.** In addition:

- **Signature and format**: Digital documents and (EU) Qualified Electronic Signature are accepted. The AUP is expected to be in PDF format[3].

- **Naming convention[4]:** the following naming convention shall be used for the AUP: 'MFI_LEI_AUP_2027' for the 2027 cycle AUP.

The application of the 2027 additional assurance requirements is conditional on the actual use by the SRB of the 2027 data set for the calculation and collection of Single Resolution Fund ("**SRF**") contributions. Institutions should start to prepare for the submission of the additional assurance documents for the 2027 DRF upon notification by the NRA that the condition is fulfilled. Institutions should submit the 2027 additional assurance documents to the NRAs **within the deadline defined by the NRA.**

In relation to the data provided for restatements (related to 2016-2023):
The above applies to additional assurance for data submitted for restatements, except if specified otherwise in this document.

- **Scope**: The 2027 additional assurance requirements for restatements apply only to the data points in scope (as mentioned above) and for which a new value is submitted in the context of the restatement.

- **Conditionality**: The application of the 2027 additional assurance requirements is mandatory for restatements. The conditional application mentioned above only relates to data for the 2027 contribution period and does not apply to restatements.

[1] In accordance with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63 articles 10(1)-(6).
[2] In accordance with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63 articles 10(7).
[3] Use the Print to PDF option and do not send scanned documents.
[4] MFI means the MFI Country Code (2 letter ISO code of country where the institution is authorised), followed by an identification code of the institution; LEI refers to Legal Entity Identifier code of the institution.

- **Sign-off Form**: For restatements, institutions are allowed to use the AUP as specified above or to opt for a sign-off by the institution's management on the full data reporting form. Please refer to Annex III of this document for further guidance and the sign-off form.

- **Exception**: *By way of exception*, a (new) AUP report from an auditor on the restated data point or a sign-off form from the institution's management is not required under the following conditions: (i) the restatement is due following an auditor's report in a previous cycle where the erroneous data point was identified, and (ii) the same auditor's report expressly mentioned the new value that should be resubmitted for the purpose of calculating the restatement, and (iii) this report is attached to the restated DRF.

- **Naming convention**[5]: the following naming convention shall be used for the AUP: ''MFI_LEI_AUP_YEAR" or the sign-off form: ''MFI_LEI_SOF_YEAR"

Institutions should submit the 2027 AUP at the latest by 15 January 2027 for the DRFs submitted in relation to restatements for the 2016-2023 contribution periods, if any.

The NRAs will retain these documents but should provide them to the SRB upon request.

2. Agreed-upon procedures

This section presents the scope of the AUP engagement (2.1) and describes the engagement letter (2.2) and the report of factual findings (2.3).

2.1 Scope of the AUP engagement

Annex I of this document *(which is also Annex I of the AUP)* defines the scope of the engagement of the AUP. The procedures are to be performed by an external auditor.

NRAs may decide to adapt or extend some of the procedures due to particularities in their jurisdiction. Such adaptations by NRAs could include, but are not limited to:

- If there are no Institutional Protection Schemes (IPS) in the jurisdiction, the NRA may choose to eliminate procedure 5 from the AUP.

- If, in the jurisdiction, derivatives have to be held on-balance sheet, the NRA may choose under "Procedures 3: Derivative adjustment" to take out the reference to "2C3" and instead introduce the following procedure: "Verify that field "2C3" is equal to 0".

- Due to differences in jurisdictions, the SRB did not specify "underlying documents" to be used during the procedures. Therefore, the NRAs may replace "underlying documents" with the most appropriate reference, e.g. financial statements, balance sheet, derivative sub-ledger, etc.

NRAs may further extend the scope of the AUP, which could include procedures regarding other deductions: amount of qualifying liabilities related to clearing activities, central securities depository and arising by virtue of holding client assets or client money.

The NRAs indicate in the annual overview to the SRB when the template was modified.

[5] MFI means the MFI Country Code (2 letter ISO code of country where the institution is authorised), followed by an identification code of the institution; LEI refers to Legal Entity Identifier code of the institution.

2.2 Engagement Letter

An Engagement Letter is used by the institution and the auditor in order to define an engagement by listing all of the procedures to be performed by the auditor (see section 2.1) and to agree that the Report of Factual Findings (see section 2.3) will be distributed only to the relevant third parties (in this case the SRB and the appropriate NRA).

The SRB has not created a template for the Engagement Letter to be signed between the institution and the auditor. Nevertheless, it is presumed that the auditor and the institution will follow the illustrated example in *Appendix 1 of the International Standard on Related Services (ISRS) 4400 (revised) on Engagement to Perform Agreed-upon Procedures Regarding Financial Information*.

2.3 Report of Factual Findings

The Report of Factual Findings (Annex II of this document) is the result of the agreed-upon procedure and describes in sufficient detail to the reader the nature and the extent of the work performed.

The SRB has not created a template for the Report of Factual Findings to be prepared by the auditor, but has provided in Annex II of this document a list of minimum requirements for the report based on the illustrated example in *Appendix 2 of the International Standard on Related Services (ISRS) 4400 (revised) on Engagement to Perform Agreed-upon Procedures Regarding Financial Information*.

ANNEX I – Procedures performed and description of factual findings

Remark: This Annex I shall be attached to the Auditor's AUP under the format defined below (see procedures 1 to 7).

Contributions cycle of reference:

□ 2027 Ex-ante Contributions cycle

In case of restatements, please indicate the contributions cycle concerned:

□ (*Please indicate cycle*) Ex-ante Contributions cycle

Procedures on 1: General activities

#	Procedure	**Finding**[6] (Yes; No or N/A)	**Description factual findings or/and comments**
1.1	**Obtain the SRF Ex-ante Contributions Data Reporting Form** (hereafter DRF) submitted by the institution to the resolution authority in accordance with Article 14 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63. Include the DRF as annex to this report.	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
1.2	**Obtain documentation on the procedures** used to extract the data and used to perform controls for ensuring that the reported data are in accordance with the instructions in the DRF, the 2027 Guidance[7] and other technical guidance provided by the Single Resolution Board or National Resolution Authority.	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
1.3	**Obtain written confirmation** from the management[8] that the procedures described in the documentation have been implemented and executed.	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	

Procedures on 2: Covered deposits (data field "2A3") (when not provided and verified by DGS)

#	Procedure	**Finding**[9] (Yes; No or N/A)	**If a finding is identified (i.e. 'yes' in previous column) for a procedure relating to the reconciliation and/or recalculation of an amount, please indicate the new**

[6] 'Yes' means a finding or a discrepancy is to be reported (in that case the data point and the new value shall be clearly highlighted in the next column, and this AUP shall be attached when the corrected Data Reporting Form is submitted). 'No' means no finding/ no discrepancy is to be reported, N/A means the procedure is not applicable for the institution.

[7] Annex of the Board Decision on the data formats, representations, related additional assurance requirements and guidance for institutions reporting information required for the purpose of the 2027 contribution period.

[8] Thereafter means management body as referred to in Article 88 of the Capital Requirements Directive 2013/36/EU.

[9] 'Yes' means a finding or a discrepancy is to be reported (in that case the data point and the new value shall be clearly highlighted in the next column, and this AUP shall be attached when the corrected Data Reporting Form is submitted). 'No' means no finding/ no discrepancy is to be reported, N/A means the procedure is not applicable for the institution.

			value that should be resubmitted (if known by the auditor)[10]
2.1	**Obtain written confirmation from the management of the institution** that the legal framework used in identifying deposits for field "2A3" in the DRF is in line with the definition of 'covered deposits' as defined in Article 3(10) of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63 (i.e. "*'covered deposits' means the deposits referred to in Article 6(1) of Directive 2014/49/EU, excluding temporary high balances as defined in Article 6(2) of that Directive*.")	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
2.2	**Obtain the reconciliation**[11] of total covered deposits amount to the underlying documents and the field "2A3" in the DRF. **Recalculate**[12] the total amount in field "2A3" in the DRF. In case of multiple underlying documents, recalculate the total amount in field "2A3" in the DRF from totals on each of the underlying documents.	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	

Procedures on 3: Derivative adjustments[13]

#	Procedure	**Finding**[14] (Yes; No or N/A)	**If a finding is identified (i.e. 'yes' in previous column) for a procedure relating to the reconciliation and/or recalculation of an amount, please indicate the new value that should be resubmitted (if known by the auditor)**[15]
3.1	**Obtain written confirmation from the management of the institution** that the identification of derivatives for the DRF in general, and particularly for fields "2C1", "2C2" and "2C3" is in line with the definition of 'derivatives' in field 2C1 in the DRF.	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
3.2	**Obtain the reconciliation** of the total amount of accounting value of liabilities arising from all derivative contracts (excluding credit derivatives) held on- and off-balance sheet to the underlying documents and fields "2C2" and "2C3" in the DRF. **Recalculate** the total amount in fields "2C2" and "2C3" in the DRF. In case of multiple underlying documents, recalculate the total amount in fields	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	

[10] The institution is responsible for the reported amount. For procedures not related to the reconciliation and/or recalculation of an amount, please provide further information on the factual findings.

[11] Thereafter means to compare figures in the underlying documents with figures in the DRF.

[12] Thereafter means to re-perform the addition of figures in case an institution has performed a summation.

[13] Article 5(3) CDR. Please note that the CDR has been amended by the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/662 of 20 January 2023 amending Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63 as regards the methodology for the calculation of liabilities arising from derivatives (OJ 22 March 2023).

[14] 'Yes' means a finding or a discrepancy is to be reported (in that case the data point and the new value shall be clearly highlighted in the next column, and this AUP shall be attached when the corrected Data Reporting Form is submitted). 'No' means no finding/ no discrepancy is to be reported, N/A means the procedure is not applicable for the institution.

[15] The institution is responsible for the reported amount. For procedures not related to the reconciliation and/or recalculation of an amount, please provide further information on the factual findings.

	"2C2 and "2C3'' in the DRF from the totals on each of the underlying documents.		
3.3.1	**With regard to the value in field "2C1" of the DRF: Obtain written confirmation from the management of the institution** that when identifying the netting agreements in order to report field "2C1" in the DRF, the institution considered only those agreements that are compliant at the reference dates with the conditions referred to in Article 5a to 5e of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63.	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
3.3.2	**Obtain written confirmation from the management of the institution** that all liabilities arising from derivative contracts, as defined in field "2C1" of the DRF, were valued in accordance with Articles 5a to 5e of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63 at the reference dates.	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
3.3.3	**Obtain the reconciliation** of the total amount of liabilities arising from all derivative contracts valued in accordance with Articles 5a to 5e of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63 to the underlying documents and field "2C1" in the DRF. **Recalculate** the total amount in field "2C1" in the DRF. In case of multiple underlying documents, recalculate the total amount in fields ''2C1'' in the DRF from the totals on each of the underlying documents.	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	

Procedures on 4: Promotional loans deduction (only if an institution applied for the deduction of promotional loans in "Section D" of Deductions tab in the DRF)

#	Procedure	**Finding**[16] (Yes; No or N/A)	**If a finding is identified (i.e. 'yes' in previous column) for a procedure relating to the reconciliation and/or recalculation of an amount, please indicate the new value that should be resubmitted (if known by the auditor)**[17]
4.1	**<u>Only in case</u> an institution qualifies for promotional bank status:** 1. **Obtain documentation on the basis of which the management of the institution has confirmed** that the undertaking or entity was set up by a Member State, central or regional government; and 2. **Obtain documentation on the basis of which the management of the institution has confirmed** that the central or regional government referred to in (4.1.1) has an obligation to protect the economic basis of the undertaking or entity and maintain its viability throughout its lifetime, or directly or indirectly	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	

[16] 'Yes' means a finding or a discrepancy is to be reported (in that case the data point and the new value shall be clearly highlighted in the next column, and this AUP shall be attached when the corrected Data Reporting Form is submitted). 'No' means no finding/ no discrepancy is to be reported, N/A means the procedure is not applicable for the institution.

[17] The institution is responsible for the reported amount. For procedures not related to the reconciliation and/or recalculation of an amount, please provide further information on the factual findings.

	guarantees at least 90% of the original funding of the undertaking or entity.		
4.2	**<u>Only in case</u> an institution qualifies for intermediary institution status:** **Obtain written confirmation from the management of the institution** that the promotional loans reported in field "3D5" of the DRF are not provided as credit to the final customer.	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
4.3	**Obtain written confirmation from the management of the institution** that the following rule has been documented and implemented when reporting field "3D5" of the DRF: in accordance with Article 5(1)(f) of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63, 1 EUR of liability in field "3D5" is matched with 1 EUR of promotional loans received (from promotional bank).	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
4.4	**Obtain written confirmation from the management of the institution** that loans that matched liabilities reported in field "3D5" of the DRF, fulfil the following conditions: i. granted on a non-competitive basis; ii. granted on a not for profit basis; and iii. promote the public policy objectives of the central or regional government referred to in (4.1.1).	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
4.5	**Obtain the reconciliation** of the total amount of total accounting value of qualifying liabilities that arise from promotion loans to the underlying documents and the field "3D5" in the DRF. **Recalculate** the total amount in field "3D5" in the DRF. In case of multiple underlying documents, recalculate the total amount in fields "3D5'' in the DRF from the totals on each of the underlying documents.	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	

Procedures on 5: IPS deduction (only if an institution applied for deduction of the IPS in "Section E" of Deductions tab in the DRF)

#	Procedure	Finding [18] (Yes; No or N/A)	If a finding is identified (i.e. 'yes' in previous column) for a procedure relating to the reconciliation and/or recalculation of an amount, please indicate the new value that should be resubmitted (if known by the auditor)[19]
5.1	**Identification of the scope of application of IPS deductions:** 1. **Obtain the list of entities** that comply with the conditions specified in Article 5(1)(b) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63 on the relevant reference date; and	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	

[18] 'Yes' means a finding or a discrepancy is to be reported (in that case the data point and the new value shall be clearly highlighted in the next column, and this AUP shall be attached when the corrected Data Reporting Form is submitted). 'No' means no finding/ no discrepancy is to be reported, N/A means the procedure is not applicable for the institution.

[19] The institution is responsible for the reported amount. For procedures not related to the reconciliation and/or recalculation of an amount, please provide further information on the factual findings.

	2. **Obtain written confirmation from the management of the institution** that only those institutions identified in (1) have been considered for IPS deduction.		
5.2	**Deduction of eligible IPS liabilities and assets:** 1. **Obtain a list of IPS liabilities and assets** included in fields "3E5" and "3E9" of the DRF as of the reference date and **compare** it with the list obtained in the procedure (5.1); 2. **Obtain written confirmation from the management of the institution** that the counterparty or appropriate reporting line (e.g. the IPS) has been informed about the liabilities and assets in (5.2.1); 3. **Obtain the reconciliation** of the total accounting value of qualifying IPS liabilities to the underlying documents and the field "3E5" in the DRF. **Recalculate** the total amount in field "3E5" in the DRF. In case of multiple underlying documents, recalculate the total amount in fields "3E5'' in the DRF from the totals on each of the underlying documents; 4. **Obtain the reconciliation** of the total accounting value of qualifying IPS assets held by the qualifying IPS member to the underlying documents and the field "3E9" in the DRF. **Recalculate** the total amount in field "3E9" in the DRF; and 5. **Obtain written confirmation from the management of the institution** that the following rule has been documented and implemented when filling field "3E10": i. Verification at which value it is booked as a liability by the group counterpart. In case of mismatch, the value booked by the group counterpart as a liability prevails; ii. *When applicable,* application of Articles 5a to 5e of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63 and verification whether it matches the value after floor calculated by the group counterpart. In case of mismatch, the value calculated by the group counterpart as a liability prevails.	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	

Procedures on 6: Intragroup deduction (only if an institution applied for the intragroup deduction in "Section F" of Deductions tab in the DRF)

#	Procedure	Finding [20] (Yes; No or N/A)	If a finding is identified (i.e. 'yes' in previous column) for a procedure relating to the reconciliation and/or recalculation of an amount, please indicate the new value that

[20] 'Yes' means a finding or a discrepancy is to be reported (in that case the data point and the new value shall be clearly highlighted in the next column, and this AUP shall be attached when the corrected Data Reporting Form is submitted). 'No' means no finding/ no discrepancy is to be reported, N/A means the procedure is not applicable for the institution.

			should be resubmitted (if known by the auditor)[21]
6.1	**Identification of the scope of application of intragroup deductions:**		
6.1.1	**Obtain the list of entities that according to the assessment by the management of the institution** comply with the condition specified in Article 5(1)(a)(iii) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63 on the relevant reference date;	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
6.1.2	**Obtain the list of entities** that have been identified in (6.1.1) and comply with the conditions specified in Article 5(1)(a)(i) & (ii) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63 on the relevant reference date.	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
6.1.3	**Obtain written confirmation from the management of the institution** that only those institutions identified in (6.1.2) have been considered for intragroup deduction. **Obtain the reconciliation** of the qualifying intragroup liabilities arising from derivatives and the field "3F1" in the DRF.	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
6.2	**Deduction of eligible intragroup liabilities and assets:**		
6.2.1	**Obtain the list of intragroup liabilities and assets** included in fields "3F5" and "3F9" of the DRF by counterparty and **compare** that the 5 counterparties with the highest total liabilities and assets are contained in the list obtained in the procedure (6.1.2);	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
6.2.2	**Obtain written confirmation from the management of the institution** that the counterparty or appropriate reporting line (e.g. parent company) has been informed about the liabilities and assets in (6.2.1);	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
6.2.3	**Obtain the reconciliation** of the total accounting value of qualifying intragroup liabilities to the underlying documents and the field "3F5" in the DRF. **Recalculate** the total amount in field "3F5" in the DRF. In case of multiple underlying documents, recalculate the total amount in fields ''3F5'' in the DRF from the totals on each of the underlying documents;	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
6.2.4	**Obtain the reconciliation** of the total accounting value of qualifying intragroup assets to the underlying documents and the field "3F9" in the DRF. **Recalculate** the total amount in field "3F9" in the DRF;	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
6.2.5	**Obtain written confirmation from the management of the institution** that the following rule has been documented and implemented when filling field "3F10": i. Verification at which value it is booked as a liability by the group counterpart. In case of	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	

[21] The institution is responsible for the reported amount. For procedures not related to the reconciliation and/or recalculation of an amount, please provide further information on the factual findings.

	mismatch, the value booked by the group counterpart as a liability prevails; and ii. *When applicable,* application of Article 5a to 5e of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63 and verification whether it matches the value after floor calculated by the group counterpart. In case of mismatch, the value calculated by the group counterpart as a liability prevails.		

Procedures on 7: Own funds (data field "2A2" DRF) (only applicable in case the institution benefits from a waiver from the competent authority for own funds reporting at individual level)

#	Procedure	Finding [22] (Yes; No or N/A)	If a finding is identified (i.e. 'yes' in previous column) for a procedure relating to the reconciliation and/or recalculation of an amount, please indicate the new value that should be resubmitted (if known by the auditor)[23]
7.1	**Obtain from the institution the underlying documents** on the calculation of the regulatory capital in accordance to the CRR, **recalculate the own funds at individual level** and **reconcile the amounts** used in the calculation to the underlying documents provided by the institution.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	

[22] 'Yes' means a finding or a discrepancy is to be reported (in that case the data point and the new value shall be clearly highlighted in the next column, and this AUP shall be attached when the corrected Data Reporting Form is submitted). 'No' means no finding/ no discrepancy is to be reported, N/A means the procedure is not applicable for the institution.

[23] The institution is responsible for the reported amount.

ANNEX II – Report of Factual Findings

The report of factual findings, in PDF format (naming convention[24] '*MFI_LEI_AUP_2027'* for the 2027 cycle AUP or '*MFI_LEI_AUP _YEAR*' in case of restatement, should contain, at least, the following:

i. Title;
ii. Addressee (ordinarily the client who engaged the auditor to perform the agreed-upon procedures);
iii. Identification of specific financial or non-financial information to which the agreed-upon procedures have been applied (in this case reference to the 2027 Data Reporting Form);
iv. A statement that the procedures performed were those agreed upon with the recipient and provided by the NRAs;
v. A statement that the engagement was performed in accordance with the International Standard on Related Services applicable to agreed-upon procedures engagements, or with relevant national standards or practices;
vi. When relevant a statement that the auditor is not independent of the entity;
vii. Identification of the purpose for which the agreed-upon procedures were performed;
viii. A listing of the specific procedures performed in line with the procedures provided by the NRAs (for this purpose *the table defined in Annex I of this document shall be used and attached to the report*) as Annex I of the AUP;
ix. Full Data reporting Form (DRF) of the institution at the year of reference (as Annex II of the AUP);
x. A description of the auditor's factual findings including exceptions found with sufficient details of errors and the amount calculated by the auditor;
xi. Statement that the procedures performed do not constitute either an audit or a review and, as such, no assurance is expressed;
xii. A statement that had the auditor performed additional procedures, an audit or a review, other matters might have come to light that would have been reported;
xiii. A statement that the report is restricted to those parties that have agreed to the procedures to be performed;
xiv. A statement (when applicable) that the report relates only to the elements, accounts, items or financial and non-financial information specified and that it does not extend to the entity's financial statements taken as a whole;
xv. Date of the report;
xvi. Auditor's address; and
xvii. Auditor's signature / electronic signature.

[24] MFI refers to MFI Country Code (2 letter ISO code of country where the institution is authorised); LEI refers to Legal Entity Identifier code of the institution.

ANNEX III – Sign-off Form

Remark: The Sign-off Form shall be submitted by the institution's management only <u>under the format defined below</u> and cannot be used for data related to the 2027 contribution period. A Sign-off Form shall be submitted for each data reporting form related to restatements to the extent this data reporting form contains new values for data points in scope of the 2027 Additional Assurance Requirements.

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SIGN-OFF FORM

To: (name of the NRA)

Subject: Restatement of data related to the 20**xx** contribution period *(please indicate the relevant year(s))*

Name of the Institution:

MFI Code:

LEI Code:

Submission date Data Reporting Form(s) (DRF): *(latest 15 January 2027)*

Name of the representative of the management body[25] **who has validated this report:**

Position in the institution:

I have reviewed and approved the final version of the abovementioned 20xx Data Reporting Form and certify that the information set out therein has been submitted in accordance with the instructions provided by the Single Resolution Board and the National Resolution Authority. In particular, I certify the following elements:

1: General activities

#		**Result**[26] (Yes or No)	**In case of No, please provide further information as to why you are currently unable to certify this element.**
1.	**I certify** that the necessary procedures and controls were put in place in order to ensure that the reported data is in accordance with the Instructions and Guidance of the relevant Data Reporting Form(s) submitted by the Single Resolution Board and National Resolution Authority.	□ Yes □ No	

[25] As referred to in Article 88 of the Capital Requirements Directive 2013/36/EU.

[26] 'Yes' means that fully documented procedures for the delivery of the DRF and the final reports of the controls and verifications applied thereto are available upon first request from the Single Resolution Board or National Resolution Authority. 'No' means either that none or not all procedures have been set up, that none or not all controls were executed and/or that documentation in this regard is not available.

2: Covered deposits (data field "2A3") (when not provided and verified by DGS)

#		Result (Yes; No or N/A)	In case of No, please provide further information as to why you are currently unable to certify this element.
2.	**I certify** that the deposits reported under field "2A3" in the DRF are in accordance with the definition of 'covered deposits' as defined in Article 3(10) of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63 (i.e. "*'covered deposits' means the deposits referred to in Article 6(1) of Directive 2014/49/EU, excluding temporary high balances as defined in Article 6(2) of that Directive*.")	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	

3: Derivative adjustments[27]

#		Result (Yes; No or N/A)	In case of No, please provide further information as to why you are currently unable to certify this element.
3.1	**I certify** that the identification of derivatives for the DRF in general, and particularly for fields "2C1", "2C2" and "2C3" is in line with the definition of 'derivatives' in field 2C1 in the DRF.	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
3.2	**I certify** that when identifying the netting agreements in order to report field "2C1" in the DRF, the institution considered only those agreements that are compliant at the reference dates with the conditions referred to in Article 5a to 5e of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63.	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
3.3.	**I certify** that all liabilities arising from derivative contracts, as defined in field "2C1" of the DRF, were valued in accordance with Articles 5a to 5e of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63 at the reference dates.	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	

4: Promotional loans deduction (only if an institution applied for the deduction of promotional loans in "Section D" of Deductions tab in the DRF)

#		Result (Yes; No or N/A)	In case of No, please provide further information as to why you are currently unable to certify this element.
4.1	**<u>Only in case</u> an institution qualifies for promotional bank status:** **I certify** that our undertaking or entity was set up by a Member State, central or regional government and that this central or regional government has an obligation to protect the economic basis of the undertaking or entity and to maintain its viability throughout its lifetime, or directly or indirectly	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	

[27] Article 5(3) CDR. Please note that the CDR has been amended by the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/662 of 20 January 2023 amending Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63 as regards the methodology for the calculation of liabilities arising from derivatives (OJ 22 March 2023).

	guarantees at least 90% of the original funding of the undertaking or entity.		
4.2	**Only in case an institution qualifies for intermediary institution status:** **I certify** that the promotional loans reported in field “3D5” of the DRF are not provided as credit to the final customer.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	
4.3	**I certify** that the following rule has been documented and implemented when reporting field “3D5” of the DRF: in accordance with Article 5(1)(f) of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63, 1 EUR of liability in field “3D5” is matched with 1 EUR of promotional loans received (from promotional bank).	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	
4.4	**I certify** that loans that matched liabilities reported in field “3D5” of the DRF, fulfil the following conditions: iv. granted on a non-competitive basis; v. granted on a not for profit basis; and vi. promote the public policy objectives of the central or regional government referred to in (4.1.).	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	

5: IPS deduction (only if an institution applied for deduction of the IPS in “Section E” of Deductions tab in the DRF)

#		**Result** (Yes; No or N/A)	**In case of No, please provide further information as to why you are currently unable to certify this element.**
5.1	**I certify** that all the entities considered for the application of the IPS deduction comply with the conditions specified in Article 5(1)(b) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63 on the relevant reference date;	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	
5.2	**I certify** that all the IPS liabilities and assets included in fields “3E5” and “3E9” of the DRF are related to the list of entities referred to in (5.1);	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	
5.3	**I certify** that the counterparty or appropriate reporting line (e.g. the IPS) has been informed on the liabilities and assets referred to in (5.2.);	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	
5.4	**I certify** that the following rules have been documented and implemented when filling field “3E10”: i. Verification at which value it is booked as a liability by the group counterpart. In case of mismatch, the value booked by the group counterpart as a liability prevails; **ii.** *When applicable,* application of Articles 5a to 5e of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63 and verification whether it matches the value after floor calculated by the group counterpart. In case of mismatch, the value calculated by the group counterpart as a liability prevails.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	

6: Intragroup deduction (only if an institution applied for the intragroup deduction in "Section F" of Deductions tab in the DRF)

#		**Result** (Yes; No or N/A)	**In case of No, please provide further information as to why you are currently unable to certify this element.**
6.1.	**I certify that all the entities** considered for application of intragroup deduction comply with the conditions specified in Article 5(1)(a)(i), (ii) & (iii) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63 on the relevant reference date;	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
6.2.	**I certify that all the intragroup liabilities and assets** included in fields "3F5" and "3F9" of the DRF are related to the list of entities referred to in (6.1.);	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
6.3	**I certify** that the counterparty or appropriate reporting line (e.g. parent company) has been informed about the liabilities and assets in (6.2.);	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	
6.4.	**I certify** that the following rule has been documented and implemented when filling field "3F10": i. Verification at which value it is booked as a liability by the group counterpart. In case of mismatch, the value booked by the group counterpart as a liability prevails; and ii. *When applicable,* application of Article 5a to 5e of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/63 and verification whether it matches the value after floor calculated by the group counterpart. In case of mismatch, the value calculated by the group counterpart as a liability prevails.	□ Yes □ No □ N/A	

The Institution, duly represented by:

Signature:

Name:
Title:

Date:

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