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DECLARATION ON AUTHORSHIP AND ETHICAL USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS BY PARTICIPANTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING CHAMPIONSHIP CASE-IN®

1.1. The Declaration on Authorship and Ethical Use of Artificial Intelligence Systems (hereinafter – Declaration) establishes the general principles to be followed by participants of the International Engineering Championship CASE-IN® (hereinafter – Championship) in the creation and use of artificial intelligence systems (hereinafter – AI) when preparing their solutions.

1.2. The Championship Organizing Committee considers AI to be a tool capable of enhancing the professional activities of participants and opening new opportunities for creativity, research, and practical application.

1.3. AI systems, including generative models (such as ChatGPT, Midjourney, DALL·E, and others), may be used for information search, analysis, and visualization.

1.4. The purpose of applying AI technologies is to ensure the conscious and responsible use of AI tools in solving specific engineering tasks, accompanied by critical evaluation of obtained results and associated risks.

1.5. When developing solutions, participants shall be guided by the following general principles:

– principle of priority of human interaction: AI must not replace live communication and teamwork, which remain the foundation of effective collaborative work; the use of AI should enhance opportunities for interpersonal interaction within teams;

– principle of academic integrity: AI should be used as a supplement rather than a substitute for participants' intellectual efforts; any information obtained through AI must be verified;

– principle of transparency: when preparing solutions involving AI tools, participants must indicate the nature and scope of work performed using AI;

– principle of confidentiality and respect for intellectual property rights: the development and use of AI tools must ensure data security, protection of personal data, and minimization of associated risks;

– principle of reasonable limitation: AI tools should be regarded as auxiliary instruments for achieving the objectives of the Championship; evaluation and control mechanisms will continue to evolve in response to advancements in AI technologies;[1]

– principle of responsible development and use of AI: AI systems must be developed and used in strict compliance with applicable legislation and ethical standards.[2]

1.6. When developing solutions, each participant must comply with the following requirements:

– all ideas, concepts, texts, and graphical materials included in the practical part of the solution submitted within the case must be the result of the team's own intellectual work;

– if AI tools were used during the preparation of the case solution, this must be clearly and explicitly indicated in a footnote on the presentation slide, using one of the following formulations:

- *«Part of the textual description was generated using the AI model [model name] for [purpose]»;*
- *«Visual materials were created with [AI tool name] based on our source data».*

[1] Организационный комитет оставляет за собой право вводить ограничения на разработку и применение ИИ в исключительных случаях, при условии их соответствия общим правилам и принципам Чемпионата.

[2] В случаях, когда законодательство не содержит прямых указаний, следует исходить из необходимости минимизации рисков причинения вреда третьим лицам. Отступление от данных принципов может быть рассмотрено как основание для дисквалификации команды.

– all materials generated with the assistance of AI must be carefully reviewed, edited, and verified by the team for accuracy, relevance, compliance with the task requirements, and absence of plagiarism.;

– the use of AI must not result in solutions that are entirely identical to existing solutions or those generated by other teams.

1.7. Violation of the principles of this Declaration, including the provision of inaccurate information about the use of AI, concealment of its application, or the use of AI to create plagiarized or unethical content, may lead to disciplinary measures imposed by the Championship Organizing Committee. Such measures may include:

– disqualification of the team or individual participants in case of significant violations;

– annulment of results;

– inclusion of participants who committed serious violations on a blacklist (which may result in being barred from participation in future CASE-IN® branded events).

1.8. The Championship Organizing Committee undertakes to:

– ensure equal conditions for all participants;

– provide necessary clarifications in case questions or uncertainties arise regarding the application of this Declaration.

1.9. The Expert Commission of the respective Championship league will evaluate the submitted team solutions, taking into account both their technical quality and compliance with ethical standards and principles of authorship.

1.10. Final responsibility for the content, quality, ethical compliance, and originality of the submitted solution rests solely with the team.