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Pursuant to the provision of Article 13, Paragraph 4 of the Addendum to the Code of Ethics of the University of Rijeka (CLASS: 011-01/18-01/18, Reg. No.: 2170-57-01-18-1, dated April 18, 2018), Decision on the amendments to the Addendum to the Code of Ethics of the University of Rijeka CLASS: 003-01/21-03/02, Reg. No.: 2170-57-01-21-272, dated July 20, 2021), the Council of Honour of the University of Rijeka at its session held on April 18, 2023, passed the following

### STATEMENT ON THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TOOLS

Following the widespread concern and debate provoked by the arrival of ChatGPT and similar artificial intelligence (AI) tools, the European University Association's (EUA) Learning and Teaching Steering Committee shared key considerations for European universities in its Statement of February 2023 entitled "Artificial intelligence tools and their responsible use in higher education learning and teaching", available at the following [link](#). Noting the current shortcomings and potential benefits of these technologies, the Statement states that any attempt to ban artificial intelligence would be futile and that the higher education sector must adapt its approaches in such a way that artificial intelligence is used effectively and appropriately. As such, the Association invites universities to consider key factors related to AI tools' immediate consequences on learning and teaching, the ongoing innovation of learning and teaching, and universities' broader role in relation to the impact of such technologies on our societies. The Statement highlights the need for formal discussions on the **responsible, ethical, and transparent use** of AI tools and other emerging technologies with staff and students at universities. Aside from updating institutional-level policies, guidance on approaches to day-to-day practice will be needed. It is important to take account of academic integrity, such as the obligation to reference the use of AI in academic and student work and its restricted use for certain types of learning and assessment. The importance of taking care of **academic integrity**, such as the obligation to provide information, is particularly highlighted by the use of artificial intelligence in academic and student work and limiting its use for certain types of learning and assessment.

The Council of Honour supports the prompt response of the aforementioned and other bodies and constituencies of the University, highlighting the example of the recommendation of the Expert Council of the Centre for Studies and Students of the University of Rijeka on the introduction of an appropriate note in the detailed implementation plans of the constituencies, following the example of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Rijeka. The recommended note reads as follows: "Any use of another person's text or other forms of an author's work, as well as the use of ChatGPT or any other tool whose functionality is based on AI technology, without clear and unambiguous indication of the source, is considered a violation of another person's copyright and the principle of academic integrity, and represents a serious violation of student obligations, which entails disciplinary liability and disciplinary measures following the Regulation on Disciplinary Responsibility of Students".

Recognizing the challenges of using AI in education and respecting the basic ethical principles of learning and teaching, with this statement, the Council of Honour joins the response of other HE institutions and welcomes all further institutional and individual efforts of all **University of Rijeka staff and students in the responsible use of AI tools in learning and teaching, including the permitted, critical, informed, and guided use of such tools and compliance with the highest ethical principles in their use.**

This Statement will be published on the University's website with a notice sent to the Rector, the Senate, the Student Council, and the ethical committees of the University of Rijeka.

Council Chair  
Prof. Jasminka Ledić, Ph.D., *duly signed*