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AU-IBAR wishes to be transparent with users about how cookies are used, so that you are clear on how your privacy is protected. AU-IBAR uses cookies to ensure proper functionality of its web applications, provide information for analytics and to improve your experience while using our web applications. This information is anonymous and based on behaviour rather than on personally distinguishable features.

Further details of the use of cookies is provided below.

1. To improve your experience on our web applications – Cookies enable us to ensure that we are providing you content that is relevant to your interests while deprioritising content that is not relevant to you. For example, cookies can tell us if you have shown interest in learning about a specific emergency or campaign, so we could ensure that the next time you visit AU-IBAR web applications, information about this emergency or campaign is prioritised over other content. In the same way, cookies can tell us if, for instance, you have filled in an AU-IBAR form or signed a petition, so that we don’t present this to you the next time you visit our web applications.

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2. Analytics – Cookies provide us with anonymous statistics that tell us about how many users visit our web applications, where they came from and how they interact with it. This information helps us analyse which pages and content is most popular so that we can modify it accordingly. Data gathered through cookies can also help us understand how our other activities, such as social media content and emails affect the use of AU-IBAR web applications. The cookies simply assess how you interact with our website – as an anonymous user (the data gathered does not identify you personally). This data is not shared with any third parties or used for any other
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5. **Reach you on social channels** – Through cookies, we can target messages for you on our social media platforms.

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**Removing cookies from your device**
You can delete all cookies that are already on your device by clearing the browsing history of your browser. This will remove all cookies from all websites you have visited. Be aware though that you may also lose some saved information (e.g. saved login details, site preferences).

**Managing site-specific cookies**
For more detailed control over site-specific cookies, check the privacy and cookie settings in your preferred browser.

**Blocking cookies**
You can set most modern browsers to prevent any cookies being placed on your device, but you may then have to manually adjust some preferences every time you visit a site/page. And some services and functionalities may not work properly at all (e.g. profile logging-in).