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Dear Sirs/Mesdames!

The National Science Centre ("NCN") allows its Beneficiaries to perform their duties arising under NCN-funded agreements for research and didactic activity (in particular agreements for funding of research projects, post-doctoral fellowships, doctoral scholarships and research activities, hereinafter referred to as "grant agreements") without the need to have the documents signed by the competent persons and delivered to the NCN in writing. The documents bearing a qualified electronic signature of the competent persons may be delivered to the Electronic Correspondence Register of the NCN. The foregoing concerns the documents the NCN Beneficiaries must submit pursuant to the grant agreements as well as those they are authorised to submit.

The purpose of this message is to facilitate our Beneficiaries, as much as possible, to perform their duties arising under grant agreements as well as agreements pursuant to which written documents (hard copies) must be delivered.

In the first place, the final and annual reports will be considered <u>as duly submitted</u>, as long as they bear a qualified electronic signature of the competent persons and are delivered to the Electronic Correspondence Register (/ncn/SktytkaESP) available in the ePUAP system.

The same principle will apply to the annexes amending the grant agreements and other correspondence the grantees are authorised to submit.

This message should be regarded as a right rather than obligation, hence the obligations performed as provided for in the grant agreements (i.e. annual or final reports submitted in writing) will be fully accepted by the National Science Centre. Nevertheless, the electronic delivery of correspondence is widely encouraged.

Please note:

- this message is valid from the date of signing by the NCN Director
- documents requiring a handwritten signature that have been electronically delivered to the National Science Centre by the date of this letter will be accepted by the NCN
- this right has been introduced for an unlimited period.

Should you have any questions concerning this message, please contact the competent mentor in charge of the research project, post-doctoral fellowship, doctoral scholarship or research activity.

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