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Starving the Kleptocratic Kremlin to rebuild Ukraine: Asset Recovery developments since the start of the war in Ukraine

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The war in Ukraine has led to vast suffering on all fronts. Repairing the physical and economic damage will require unprecedented amounts of funding. Western governments have repeatedly declared their readiness to support Ukraine. As part of that, they have taken unprecedented political and economic sanctions against the Russian state, high-profile politicians and officials, and politically connected oligarchs. This has led to mass asset freezes and political promises that these assets will swiftly be confiscated and put at the disposal of the reconstruction of Ukraine. However, despite the international commitment to transfer frozen Russian assets to Ukraine, a mechanism for its practical implementation remains a complex issue.

At the same time, as tragic as it is, the war in Ukraine presents unique opportunities and may finally give governments the necessary enthusiasm to review and reform existing mechanisms for asset recovery and international cooperation.

The aim of the panel discussion co-organized by Transparency International Ukraine and the Basel Institute on Governance is to discuss the first efforts in recovering assets frozen under war related sanctions and test them for legal and technical feasibility, and thereby contribute to the global effort to accelerate asset recovery and push boundaries of current practice.

Speakers:

- **Péter Csonka**, Deputy Director, Directorate Criminal Justice, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission, Belgium
- **David Lim**, Deputy Director, Task Force KleptoCapture, USA
- **Anton Korynevych**, Head of the UA Freeze and Seize Task Force, Ukraine (tbc)
- **Kateryna Ryzhenko**, Deputy Executive Director on Legal Affairs, Transparency International Ukraine, Ukraine

Moderator:

- **Gretta Fenner**, Managing Director of the Basel Institute on Governance and Director of its International Centre for Asset Recovery