SEVEN-STAGE OBSERVATION CARD

FORM REVISION	PRIVACY	REVIEW CADENCE
1.0	Share blank copies; observations may be sensitive	Use only when doing a structured review; avoid constant monitoring

The stages are descriptive, not prophecy. Use them to organize observed conditions, repair capacity, and convergence across systems. One bad event is not a stage. Record what you actually see and what would change your assessment.

STAGE REFERENCE

Stage	What you see	What you do
0 - Functioning friction	Isolated failures; repair works; appeals work; staffing recovers.	Ordinary preparedness; learn dependencies; keep records.
1 - Chronic friction	Recurring backlogs, maintenance delays, vacancies, emergency exceptions.	Document trends; remove household single points of failure.
2 - Workaround society	Informal fixes become necessary for normal service.	Document workarounds; build lawful redundancy; preserve official remedies.
3 - Substitution	Private / local / nonprofit systems permanently perform essential functions.	Evaluate accountability, access, exit, and continuity.
4 - Fragmentation	Basic institutional reality differs sharply by place, wealth, network, or jurisdiction.	Maintain a local systems map; strengthen cross-network relationships.
5 - Contested authority	Contradictory orders, uneven enforcement, legal uncertainty, competing legitimacy.	Preserve records; verify jurisdiction; prefer reversible decisions; seek qualified guidance for high-consequence choices.
6 - Rupture	Old authority or essential functions cannot reproduce themselves reliably across territory.	Shift to civilian continuity practices; prioritize survival, reunification, lawful evacuation or shelter, and essential functions.

SEVEN-STAGE OBSERVATION CARD

CURRENT OBSERVATION

Date / review window

Place / system reviewed

Observed stage - if any

Evidence supporting the assessment

Evidence that argues against the assessment

What would change this assessment

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MONTHLY SYSTEM REVIEW

FORM REVISION	PRIVACY	REVIEW CADENCE
1.0	Household / local working document	Monthly or quarterly - not daily

Do not monitor collapse every day. Use a scheduled review instead. For each category, choose improving, stable, deteriorating, or unknown, then write one evidence-based sentence explaining why. If the explanation cannot get beyond adjectives, the rating may be emotion rather than conditions.

REVIEW WINDOW

Review date

Area / household / organization

Previous review date

HOUSEHOLD

Question	Observation / evidence	Direction
Income stable?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Housing stable?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Health needs current?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Documents current?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Emergency contacts current?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Transportation reliable?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Savings direction improving or worsening?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Any new single point of failure?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown

MONTHLY SYSTEM REVIEW

LOCAL ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Question	Observation / evidence	Direction
Water advisories?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Power outages?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Hospital changes?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Pharmacy closures?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Fire / EMS changes?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Transit cuts?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
School disruptions?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Major infrastructure closures?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown

ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS

Question	Observation / evidence	Direction
Unusual delays?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Repeated errors?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Appeals working?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Public offices closing?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Staffing vacancies?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown

MONTHLY SYSTEM REVIEW

ECONOMIC SYSTEM

Question	Observation / evidence	Direction
Employer stability?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Major local layoffs?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Insurance availability?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Credit access?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Business closures?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Housing vacancy?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown

INFORMATION

Question	Observation / evidence	Direction
Official communication reliable?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Local journalism capacity changing?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Rumors causing operational harm?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Important agencies still maintaining current public information?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown

MONTHLY SYSTEM REVIEW

CIVIC SYSTEM

Question	Observation / evidence	Direction
Are courts functioning?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Are elections and routine administrative processes occurring?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Are lawful disputes producing enforceable outcomes?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Are emergency measures temporary?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Are public meetings and records accessible?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown

SAFETY

Question	Observation / evidence	Direction
Is political violence recurrent locally?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Are threats becoming identity-based?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Are armed groups taking over ordinary public functions?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown
Are security chains of command clear?		Improving / Stable / Deteriorating / Unknown

MONTHLY SYSTEM REVIEW

PROPORTIONAL ACTION

What dependency does the evidence create?

What low-cost action reduces it?

What should remain unchanged because the evidence does not justify escalation?

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VERIFICATION CARD

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1.0	Share blank copies	Use before acting on consequential information

Consequential information should leave an audit trail. This card slows the jump from a claim to an action just enough to preserve source, context, uncertainty, and correction.

CLAIM RECORD

Claim / instruction exactly as received

Original source / URL / document / sender

Time received / observed

Place / jurisdiction

VERIFICATION STEPS

1. Preserve the original.
2. Identify the source.
3. Check time.
4. Check place.
5. Separate observation from inference.
6. Look for independent confirmation.
7. Check whether the claimed authority has jurisdiction.
8. Label confidence.
9. Confirm high-consequence instructions through a second channel when time permits.
10. Correct visibly if you were wrong.

VERIFICATION CARD

ASSESSMENT

Independent confirmation

Authority / jurisdiction check

Confidence - High / Medium / Low / Unknown

Action taken / deferred

Correction path if wrong

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SOURCE DISCIPLINE CARD

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1.0	Share blank copies	Use before forwarding a consequential claim

The fastest message is not always the most useful message. Before forwarding something that could change behavior, verify enough to understand what is being claimed, whether it is current, and what harm an error could cause.

BEFORE FORWARDING

1. What exactly is being claimed?

2. Who is the original source?

3. When and where was it observed?

4. Is there independent confirmation?

5. Could the information be outdated even if it was once true?

6. Does sharing it expose a vulnerable person or live location?

7. What action would someone take because of it?

8. Can the claim wait for verification?

9. If it is wrong, how will the correction reach everyone who saw it?

DECISION

Forward / hold / reject / verify further

Reason

Correction channel if needed

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AUTHORITY AMBIGUITY DECISION CARD

FORM REVISION	PRIVACY	REVIEW CADENCE
1.0	Private / case-specific	Use when instructions conflict

This is not legal advice. It creates a disciplined record of the instruction, issuing actor, claimed authority, scope, documents, consequences, and reversible options. For high-stakes choices, seek qualified legal guidance when available.

CONFLICTING INSTRUCTIONS

Instruction A - exact wording / source

Issuing actor A

Instruction B - exact wording / source

Issuing actor B

AUTHORITY AND SCOPE

Authority classification - de jure / de facto / administrative competence / external recognition / combination

Territory / institution / person / transaction / duration

Stated legal basis / case number / notice / receipt

OPTIONS

Option	Immediate consequence	Reversible?	Qualified guidance needed?
Comply			
Delay			
Challenge / appeal			
Do not comply			
Other			

AUTHORITY AMBIGUITY DECISION CARD

RECORD PRESERVATION

- [ ] Preserve originals and prior records when lawful and safe.
- [ ] Do not destroy earlier documentation merely because a new system appears.
- [ ] Avoid unnecessary declarations of allegiance.
- [ ] Record what happened for later appeal, correction, insurance, historical reconstruction, or legal review.

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PUBLIC NOTICE & CORRECTION LOG

FORM REVISION	PRIVACY	REVIEW CADENCE
1.0	Designed for public information; protect private case details	Use whenever consequential public notices are posted or corrected

Public information becomes dangerous when old notices remain visible, corrections cannot reach the original audience, or nobody can say which source authorized a claim. This log treats every consequential notice as a versioned record.

NOTICE REGISTER

Notice ID	Issued date/time	Subject / claim	Source / authority	Status	Channels / locations	Next review

CORRECTION / SUPERSESSION LOG

Notice ID	Changed date/time	What changed	Why	Replacement notice ID	Channels corrected	Recorder

PUBLIC NOTICE & CORRECTION LOG

ACCESS AND REACH

Languages required / provided

Accessibility formats required / provided

Offline posting locations

Radio / phone / SMS / web channels used

Who removes or marks superseded notices

PUBLICATION DISCIPLINE

- ☐ Timestamp every consequential notice.
- ☐ Label unconfirmed information clearly rather than presenting it as fact.
- ☐ Correct visibly and through the same channels when practical.
- ☐ Do not publish private medical, identity, shelter, or live-location details unnecessarily.

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