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Margins (cm):	Top: 2.5, Left: 2.5, Right: 1.5, Bottom: 1 Do not draw frame, leave margin empty	Top: 2, Left: 2, Right: 1.5, Bottom: 1 Do not draw frame, leave margin empty	Top: 2.5, Left: 2.5, Right: 1.5, Bottom: 1 Do not draw frame, leave margin empty
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