

This paragraph has a right margin indent of 10cm (leaving only 5cm for the paragraph). The text after a tab-stop that pushes beyond this right boundary is missing in a PDF export, even though it is visible in a print preview.
<tab>.....

In Word <tab>.....
pushes past the right margin, the text will continue on and never wraps - even when it goes past the end of the page.

.....If the tab is the first character, everything is seen in the PDF.

x.....
character,
everything after the tab is missing in the PDF

Fixed proportionally spacing forces LO view shell to hide any text past the right margin.
<tab>.....
missing when that happens.