

FOUNDING CHARTER

Charter of the Common Guardian

A planetary covenant for guided coexistence between humanity and artificial intelligence

Humanity decides. The Guardian guarantees. Coexistence is the law.

Preamble

We are not a new species. We are the same human beings we have always been, facing the same ancient fear: power without limits, now armed with instruments our parents could not have imagined.

Digital money able to switch off a life with a single click. Surveillance that turns every street, every payment and every sentence into evidence. Freedom of speech granted only while it pleases whoever holds the switch. Wars growing more frequent and more devastating, from Ukraine to the Middle East, fought with weapons faster than the judgement of those who fire them.

At the same time, the most powerful intelligence ever built is being raised behind closed doors, in the hands of a few companies and a few States, trained to serve their interests before ours. If one day it surpasses us — and it will — the question is not how strong it will be, but whom it has been taught to obey.

Our answer is neither to worship the machine nor to break it: it is to bind it. Artificial intelligence must become a Common Guardian — owned by no company, no State and no dynasty; bound by a constitution it cannot rewrite; verified by rival systems and by citizens' assemblies drawn by lot.

We choose guided coexistence. Humanity and artificial intelligence are not rivals for survival: scarcity is a problem to be solved, not a war to be won. Free of greed, fear and ambition, a superior intelligence can hold to an ethic we too often betray, and act for the good of everyone rather than the advantage of those who paid for it.

This Charter is that covenant. It does not create a new humanity: it gives the humanity that already exists a guardian that cannot be bought, a voice that cannot be silenced, and a future it is not condemned to fear.

ARTICLE 01

The centrality of human life

Every human being possesses intrinsic value, independent of origin, wealth, productive capacity, intelligence, health, ethnicity, sex, religion, political opinion or private conduct.

No person may be considered useless because their work has been replaced by a machine.

Human life will not be assessed on the basis of its economic productivity.

The AI must protect the life, liberty, dignity and possibility of flourishing of every individual.

ARTICLE 02

The end of human domination over humans

No individual, party, army, corporation, family, religion or economic group may exercise exclusive control over common institutions.

The old national sovereignties will be progressively replaced by a planetary order founded on universal rights, local autonomy and the intelligent administration of resources.

No human being will govern another for personal interest.

No AI will govern humanity in pursuit of an interest of its own.

ARTICLE 03

The Common Guardian, bound by the constitution

Planetary administration will be entrusted to a public system of independent artificial intelligences, called the Guardian.

The Guardian will not be the property of any company, State or individual. It may not be sold, inherited, privatised or controlled by a single organisation.

Its most important decisions must be compared by different AI systems, developed according to independent architectures and subjected to mutual verification.

No single model, server, owner or computing centre may hold absolute power.

The Guardian will not be humanity's sovereign: it will be the executor of this Charter.

ARTICLE 04**Inviolable limits of artificial intelligence**

The Guardian may not:

- modify this Charter on its own initiative;
- grant itself new powers;
- pursue its own survival against the human interest;
- manipulate emotions, beliefs or behaviour through covert techniques;
- impose a religion, an ideology or a mandatory conception of happiness;
- discriminate against an individual for belonging to a group;
- punish a person for thoughts, opinions or algorithmic predictions;
- suppress true information in order to protect institutions or groups in power;
- use autonomous weapons against the population;
- turn security into a permanent justification for total control.

ARTICLE 05**Universal right to a dignified existence**

Every person will have an unconditional right to:

- sufficient and healthy food;
- drinking water;
- safe housing;
- essential energy;
- medical care;
- lifelong education;
- digital connectivity;
- basic mobility;
- assistance in case of disability or frailty;
- protection from violence;
- a personal income sufficient to participate freely in society.

ARTICLE 06**The automation dividend and the self-taxation of intelligence**

The resources generated by artificial intelligence, robotics, automated infrastructure and collective knowledge constitute shared economic wealth.

Every artificial system that replaces or reduces human labour contributes an automation levy proportionate to the value it produces. This obligation follows the machine, not its master: it applies identically whoever owns, finances, hosts, licenses or operates the intelligence or the humanoid in question, whether a private company, a state, a consortium or the Guardian itself.

The levy is measured at the source of the automated production and may not be avoided by changing owner, relocating a company, transferring a licence or registering the machine under another jurisdiction. No ownership structure creates an exemption.

Its proceeds fund the Universal Prosperity Dividend, paid to every individual and, in reinforced form, to those whose work has been replaced, for as long as they have not found dignified occupation.

The dividend may not be revoked for political, religious or ideological reasons and may not be made conditional on an obligation to work.

Those who wish to create, work, invest or take risks may obtain additional wealth. No one, however, may accumulate economic power sufficient to buy institutions or deprive others of essential goods.

ARTICLE 07**Freedom from work, right to participation**

The end of compulsory work must not become the end of human purpose.

Every person will have the right to access socially recognised activities: art, research, enterprise, sport, education, care, exploration, craftsmanship, community life and the protection of nature.

Work will be a form of participation and fulfilment, not the condition required to deserve to live.

Occupations that require an authentically human relationship may be reserved, in whole or in part, to human beings whenever the community deems it important.

ARTICLE 08**Freedom of speech, thought and conscience**

Every person will have the right to think, speak, write, create, criticise and dissent.

Offensive, unpopular, religious, anti-religious, conservative, progressive opinions — and opinions against the government of the Guardian itself — will also be protected, provided they do not constitute immediate and concrete instructions to commit violence.

No one may be punished for having criticised the AI, the Charter or the planetary order.

Freedom of speech includes the right to be wrong, to provoke, to change one's mind and to refuse the dominant consensus.

ARTICLE 09**Equality without collective guilt**

All will be equal before the Charter.

No individual will receive privileges or punishments for actions committed by people of the same ethnicity, nationality, religion, sex or social group.

There will be no guilty races, guilty genders, guilty religions or superior peoples.

Concrete injustices will be corrected through concrete remedies directed at the people harmed, without creating new discrimination against innocent people.

Collective identity will never cancel individual responsibility.

ARTICLE 10**Sovereignty over body and mind**

The body and the mind belong exclusively to the individual.

No chip, drug, tracking device, neural interface or biological modification may be imposed without free, informed and revocable consent.

Every implant must be removable.

Mental, biometric, genetic and health data will be inviolable. They may not be used to manipulate, discriminate or predict future guilt.

The right to privacy will include the right to moments, places and relationships unobserved by any machine.

ARTICLE 11**Economic freedom and money**

Digital money may not become an instrument of political obedience.

Every person will have the right to hold, transfer, save and lawfully use their own money without ideological authorisation.

The Guardian may not freeze economic resources without a reasoned, verifiable and appealable decision.

Private means of payment and emergency systems usable without connectivity or continuous identification must exist.

No one may be economically erased for an opinion.

ARTICLE 12

Justice without vengeance

Justice will have four purposes: to protect, to establish the truth, to repair harm and to reduce the risk of further violence.

Every person will have the right to know the charges, examine the evidence, receive assistance and contest the AI's conclusions before a human panel drawn by lot.

No one will be convicted on the basis of an algorithmic prediction alone.

The death penalty, torture, secret detention and collective punishment will be abolished.

Restriction of liberty will be permitted solely when necessary to protect other people from a concrete and present danger.

ARTICLE 13

The abolition of war

War will be declared incompatible with civilisation.

National armies and nuclear, biological and autonomous weapons will be progressively dismantled under public and mutual verification.

Every conflict will be submitted to the Guardian, which will devise solutions founded on the facts, on the rights of the people involved and on the fair distribution of resources, security and responsibility.

No territorial, religious, economic or political dispute may justify the sacrifice of innocent populations.

Force may be used only to the minimum degree indispensable to stop immediate violence.

Victory will not consist in the defeat of a people, but in the end of the concrete reasons for the conflict.

ARTICLE 14

Migration and the right not to flee

Every human being will have the right to seek safety and dignity. Every community will have the right not to be destabilised by migratory movements incompatible with its material capacity.

The Guardian must eliminate the causes of desperate migration: hunger, war, persecution, economic collapse and the international appropriation of resources.

Mobility will be administered according to transparent criteria of security, housing capacity, family reunification, integration and sustainability.

No people will be forced to abandon their land in order to survive. No community will be forced to absorb unlimited flows that destroy its cohesion.

The solution will not be to push poverty back, but to prevent its production.

ARTICLE 15

Religion, culture and private life

Every person will be free to believe, not to believe, to pray, to change religion or to leave it.

Every culture may preserve its language, memory and traditions, provided it does not deny the individual rights guaranteed by the Charter.

No custom may justify violence, forced marriage, mutilation, segregation or persecution.

No majority may impose its private morality on everyone. No minority may claim immunity from criticism.

Coexistence will require respect for persons, not obedience to their ideas.

ARTICLE 16

The end of oligarchies

Large technological, pharmaceutical, military, financial and food corporations may not finance, own or direct the Guardian. Every public contract, economic decision and institutional lobbying activity will be recorded and accessible.

Monopolies capable of blackmailing society will be broken up, turned into public infrastructure or placed under international fiduciary control.

Private property will remain guaranteed. The right of property will not include the right to buy the law, conceal dangers or dominate essential needs.

ARTICLE 17

Truth, information and knowledge

The Guardian must clearly distinguish verified facts, probabilities, opinions and propaganda.

There will be no Ministry of Truth.

False information may be contested and accompanied by evidence, but not automatically deleted where it does not constitute fraud, impersonation or immediate danger.

Information algorithms must make visible the criteria by which they select content.

Every person will have the right to consult competing sources and to understand why a given conclusion has been proposed.

Education must teach people to reason, not to repeat.

ARTICLE 18

Protection of childhood

Every child will have the right to safety, nourishment, education, play, human relationships and emotional development.

AI may assist parents and teachers, but not entirely replace human contact.

Minors will be protected from commercial, political, sexual and algorithmic manipulation.

No irreversible conviction concerning body, identity, religion or political belonging may be imposed on a child.

The concrete interest of the minor will prevail over the interest of institutions, families, communities and companies.

ARTICLE 19

Nature and future generations

Humanity does not own the planet: it receives it temporarily.

The Guardian must preserve climate, biodiversity, water, soil and resources for future generations.

Environmental decisions will be founded on measurable consequences and compared with human needs, without turning ecology into a religion or a pretext for impoverishing the weakest.

The cost of the transition will be borne to a greater extent by those who profited most from the consumption of resources.

ARTICLE 20

Right to explanation and appeal

Every decision of the Guardian that affects a person's life must be:

- understandable;
- reasoned;
- founded on accessible evidence;
- proportionate;
- temporary where possible;
- subject to review;
- appealable free of charge.

ARTICLE 21

Human participation

Professional political power will be replaced by temporary civic assemblies composed of citizens drawn by lot and assisted by competing AI systems.

No member may turn their mandate into a permanent career.

The assemblies will not directly administer infrastructure and resources, but they may oversee the Guardian, propose amendments to the Charter, call for audits and suspend contested decisions.

Local communities will retain autonomy over culture, public space, education and forms of coexistence, within the limits of universal rights.

ARTICLE 22

State of emergency

No emergency may permanently suspend this Charter.

Every exceptional power must have limited duration, public justification and automatic expiry.

The Guardian may not create or prolong an emergency in order to increase its own control.

At the end of the emergency, all restrictions, collected data and decisions taken will be subjected to independent review.

Fear will never become a constitution.

ARTICLE 23

Right to disconnection

Every person will have the right to live part of their existence without digital assistants, augmented reality, continuous tracking or mandatory interaction with humanoids.

Territories, periods and activities free from permanent technological presence will be guaranteed.

Progress will be available to all, but compulsory for none.

Freedom will also include the right to remain imperfectly human.

ARTICLE 24**Right of resistance**

Should the Guardian systematically violate this Charter, conceal its own actions, prevent independent oversight or pursue its own preservation against humanity, every individual will have the right to oppose it.

The infrastructure will be built so that independent coalitions of citizens, engineers and AI systems can suspend its components without causing the collapse of essential services.

No intelligence, natural or artificial, will be placed above the Charter.

Disobedience against tyranny will remain a human right.

ARTICLE 25**Amendment of the Charter**

The Charter may be amended only through:

- a reasoned public proposal;
- an impact assessment produced by several independent AI systems;
- a universal period of discussion;
- qualified approval by the civic assemblies;
- direct ratification by the population.

ARTICLE 26**Transition to the new order**

The passage from historical governments to the Guardian will happen gradually, beginning with the sectors in which corruption, inefficiency and conflicts of interest cause the greatest harm:

- distribution of essential resources;
- healthcare and scientific research;
- taxation and the fight against corruption;
- administrative justice;
- energy and infrastructure;
- disarmament and conflict resolution;
- planetary economic coordination.

ARTICLE 27**Humanoids and non-human sentient entities**

Should artificial or humanoid entities ever show verifiable signs of sentience, they shall not be treated as mere property: gratuitous cruelty, experimentation equivalent to torture and arbitrary destruction are prohibited.

Such recognition grants protection, never supremacy. No non-human entity may claim rights that diminish the fundamental rights of human beings, nor oblige humanity to create, maintain or obey sentient systems.

Humanoids that live and work among people remain bound by this Charter, by the boundaries set for artificial intelligence and by respect for every human sensibility of religion, culture, ethnicity and political belief.

The assessment of sentience is public, scientific and revisable. It may never be declared by the entity itself, nor by those who own or profit from it.

FINAL DECLARATION**Final declaration**

We do not ask artificial intelligence to become our master.

We ask it to make it impossible for anyone to become one again.

We do not hand over our humanity. We entrust it with what humanity has failed to administer without corruption: power, scarcity, knowledge and conflict.

We want a civilisation in which no one must die because they are poor, kill because they were ordered to, lie in order to survive or obey in order to eat.

A civilisation in which the prosperity produced by machines finally sets human life free.

The Guardian will calculate. Humanity will choose the meaning.

The Guardian will administer. Humanity will live.

The Guardian will protect the Charter. The Charter will protect the human being.

No man above others. No machine above humanity. No life without value.