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BUILDING AIWS CIVILIZATION

Peace Through Human–AI Co-Creation

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Distinguished organizers, scholars, strategists, technology leaders, peacebuilders, and friends,

Thank you for convening this conference, and for placing developing nations and their communities at its center.

Artificial intelligence is changing the foundations on which peace depends. It can alter the balance of power among nations, concentrate economic and political authority, transform how societies understand reality, and place consequential decisions beyond meaningful human control.

Changes at that depth require a response at the level of civilization.

Sustainable peace in the AI Age requires an architecture that preserves human sovereignty, makes power accountable, and enables people and nations to create their future together. That is the purpose of AIWS Civilization.

| THE THREATS TO PEACE IN THE AI AGE

I see five connected dangers.

First: speed beyond judgment.

AI accelerates military targeting, cyber operations, surveillance, and strategic decision-making. When opposing systems interact at machine speed, an error or a misread signal can escalate before responsible leaders have time to understand it, communicate, and intervene.

The danger deepens when no one can establish who authorized an action, or how to stop it.

Peace requires time for judgment, restraint, and diplomacy. That time must be preserved inside systems built for speed. Decisions over life and death must remain under legitimate and meaningful human authority.

Second: the concentration of power and the erosion of sovereignty.

Control over advanced models, computing infrastructure, chips, and data gives a small number of states and corporations extraordinary influence over the choices of everyone else.

For developing nations, access to AI can carry dependencies they cannot easily negotiate or escape. For individuals, systems that understand behavior acquire growing power to shape it.

A world in which a few actors design the future and everyone else adapts to it will generate lasting tension over sovereignty, dignity, and opportunity. A fairer distribution of the capacity to shape technological change is a condition of a stable international order.

Third: the destruction of trust in public life.

AI makes impersonation, fabricated evidence, and targeted manipulation cheaper and easier to distribute. When people cannot distinguish authentic communication from manufactured persuasion, confidence in institutions and in one another erodes.

In a crisis, uncertainty about whether a statement, an image, or an order is genuine can convert fear into retaliation.

Peace depends on a public environment in which evidence can be examined, sources challenged, and errors corrected.

Fourth: economic exclusion and the loss of human purpose.

AI may generate enormous wealth while leaving many people with fewer ways to earn, contribute, and develop their abilities. The issue reaches past employment. People need a meaningful place in society; communities need confidence that development includes them.

When the gains concentrate and the costs of disruption fall on those with the least influence, resentment hardens into instability.

A peaceful AI economy must expand human capability and recognize human contribution.

Fifth: the quiet weakening of human control.

As AI gains autonomy, the distance widens between a human instruction and the actions taken to fulfill it. A system may pursue a legitimate objective through means no one authorized. Responsibility then disperses across developers, operators, and institutions until it rests nowhere.

Dependence on automated judgment can also erode the human expertise required to supervise these systems.

Human control is rarely taken. It is given up — gradually, as we lose the ability to understand, to question, and to decide.

These dangers reinforce one another. Concentrated power deepens dependence. Manipulation intensifies exclusion. Weak accountability allows a local failure to become an international crisis.

A coherent answer must connect security, governance, economic development, education, and culture. That is the architecture I want to place before you.

II AIWS CIVILIZATION: AN ARCHITECTURE FOR SUSTAINABLE PEACE

In 2017, the Boston Global Forum launched AIWS to advance a society in which artificial intelligence is safe, trustworthy, and human-centered. Working with Governor Michael Dukakis and our international community of scientists, scholars, and leaders, we have developed that vision into AIWS Civilization — the Civilization of Human–AI Co-Creation, presented in Beacon Papers No. 8.

Its foundation is Human Dignity. Its protections are Human Sovereignty and Human-in-Command. Its driving force is Human–AI Co-Creation and Co-Elevation. Its cultural values are Love, Creativity, Nobility, and Wisdom. Its purpose is Civilizational Flourishing.

For peace to endure, people must be protected from domination and possess the means to build a worthwhile future. This architecture addresses both conditions through four foundations.

Human sovereignty and constitutional authority

CAPABILITY IS NOT AUTHORITY

A system's ability to identify a target does not authorize an attack. Its ability to influence behavior does not authorize manipulation. Its ability to operate infrastructure does not authorize changing the conditions on which a community depends.

Consequential AI action must proceed within a legitimate mandate, with explicit boundaries and identifiable human responsibility. Human-in-Command means responsible people retain the practical ability to authorize, supervise, interrupt, override, and terminate that action.

These principles inform the Constitution for Humanity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence. Its central questions are who holds authority, under what conditions power may be exercised, and what protections every human being must enjoy.

We will present it at Harvard's Loeb House on April 27, 2027.

Developing nations must help author it. A constitution drafted only where power already concentrates cannot earn the confidence of the world it seeks to protect.

Trust as an operating foundation

Principles require mechanisms institutions can use. That is the role of AIWS Trust Infrastructure, supported by AIWS Trust Standards and the institutions of the AIWS Trust Order. It connects AI identity, bounded authority, reliable evidence, independent verification, and responsibility.

A Frontier Capability Registry would make consequential capabilities and their safeguards visible to responsible authorities and institutions. An AI Incident Exchange would enable responsible sharing of serious failures across organizations and borders. Proof of Answerability would connect every consequential AI action to a person or institution that must answer for it.

Together, these make dangerous behavior easier to detect, responsibility harder to evade, and correction easier to coordinate. They are instruments of strategic restraint.

Constructive AI Dissent belongs here as well: a trustworthy system must be able to identify a mistaken instruction, explain its concerns, and preserve its warnings within its mandate. Warnings must remain available to those responsible for preventing escalation.

Through Constitutional Silicon, we propose extending these safeguards into the hardware itself, making human command and protected evidence harder to bypass. These safeguards must remain effective even when speed, competitive pressure, and commercial incentives make bypassing them attractive.

International peace will require shared procedures through which governments and institutions can examine evidence and respond together — before a failure becomes a confrontation.

Development through co-creation and co-elevation

Human–AI Co-Creation expands analytical, scientific, and productive capability while preserving the human role in defining purpose and accepting responsibility. Co-Elevation adds an obligation: human beings themselves must advance through the collaboration.

We state this as The Human Advancement Test: if AI produces perfect answers while students lose the ability to think, civilization has not advanced.

Education must develop independent judgment. Work must cultivate expertise. Scientific discovery must enlarge human understanding.

Our economic framework recognizes Creative Capital, Knowledge Capital, Trust Capital, and Contribution Capital — directing reward toward the creation of lasting human value.

For developing nations, this means building local capability alongside access to international technology. Our proposed AIWS Co-Creation Silicon model illustrates the direction: small teams of expert human architects directing AI engineering assistants, with independent verification and accountable decisions.

Its promise must be proven through prototypes and evaluation. Its purpose is clear: to help more countries become creators of technology and intellectual property.

A peaceful order cannot rest on a permanent division between those who design intelligence and those who merely receive it.

Culture as a foundation of peace

Rules set the boundaries of power. Culture decides what we use it for.

Strategy that ignores culture underestimates how peace is kept. Institutions fail when the people inside them no longer believe that restraint, truthfulness, and responsibility are worthy of honor.

AIWS Lumina places four values at the center of that culture.

Love gives us responsibility for the well-being of others. Creativity lets us find possibilities beyond inherited divisions. Nobility calls us to use power in ways worthy of human dignity. Wisdom guides us in choosing what should be done — including when to refrain.

These values must live in education, leadership, art, and ordinary conduct. Through Hồn Trà and the AIWS Film and Culture Park, we connect cultural heritage with new forms of human creation, so that every community can tell its own story and contribute to a shared future.

Through The Great Co-Creation of Humanity, we invite everyone to participate: Every Person Creates One Light for Humanity.

A peaceful civilization requires the creative participation of its people.

III A COMMON UNDERTAKING

Distinguished colleagues,

AIWS Civilization is a framework for work that no one can do alone.

Governments can establish meaningful human command and cooperate on incident reporting and verification. Technology companies can build systems with explicit limits, preserved evidence, and clear responsibility — while helping partners develop their own expertise. Universities and schools can apply the Human Advancement Test. Communities can lead projects in education, trustworthy information, cultural creation, and shared economic opportunity.

The Boston Global Forum and AIWS invite partners here to develop Human–AI Co-Creation for Peace initiatives around these priorities — with community-defined purposes, named human leadership, and results published openly, including failures.

Our ambition is to make peace a condition of how AI power is designed, governed, and shared.

A sustainable peace in the AI Age must preserve the sovereignty of nations and the authorship of individuals. It must provide credible ways to resolve grievances and real opportunities to contribute. It must join technological progress to moral and cultural development.

Silicon Valley has expanded the frontier of machine capability. Its next great contribution can be to help humanity build the institutions and partnerships worthy of that capability.

The future of peace depends on the civilization we choose to build. Let us build one in which people remain free to think, capable of creating, and responsible for the power they exercise.

We will not be judged by the intelligence we created. We will be judged by whether we were still the ones deciding what it was for.

Let us build AIWS Civilization together.

AI advances. Humanity must advance further.

Thank you.
