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PREAMBLE

We, the founders and signatories of this Compact, gathered in Tokyo at the dawn of the Age of Artificial Intelligence,

Recognizing that Artificial Intelligence is reshaping every dimension of human society — economy, security, knowledge, governance, culture, and the conduct of daily life — with a speed, a scale, and a degree of autonomy unprecedented in human history;

Affirming that the worth of any technology is measured not by its power alone, but by whether it enlarges human freedom, protects human dignity, strengthens peace, and earns trust through its conduct;

Recognizing that intelligence without wisdom may amplify power without purpose, and that wisdom is what directs power toward human flourishing, human dignity, and the common good;

Conscious that trust is not declared but earned, not assumed but demonstrated; and that to make trust real is among the greatest challenges of our age, requiring not slogans but standards, not promises but proof;

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the democratic traditions of free societies, and the open architecture of the Internet as one of the first great trust infrastructures of the digital age;

Drawing inspiration from America at 250: A Beacon for the AI Age, the Lumina Declaration on Human Dignity, and the growing recognition throughout the world that humanity must establish trustworthy foundations for the Age of Artificial Intelligence;

Recognizing the contributions of the America at 250: AI Pioneers, whose work helped create the Age of Artificial Intelligence and whose leadership is now called upon to help build trust for the Age of Artificial Intelligence;

Affirming that the builders of intelligence must now become builders of trust;

Resolved that this Order shall belong to no single nation, company, institution, or power, but shall serve humanity as a whole, and especially those least able to protect themselves from the misuse of power;

Determined, with humility before the difficulty of the task and resolve equal to its importance, to establish an enduring order of trust — its principles, institutions, standards, and culture — for a free, open, secure, and humane world;

Do hereby adopt this Tokyo Compact as the Founding Constitutional Charter of the AIWS Trust Order.

PART ONE — FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

Article 1. Human Responsibility and Meaningful Human Command

Artificial Intelligence shall at all times remain under human responsibility. In every consequential domain — among them public services, health, education, finance, elections, security, and justice — human beings shall retain meaningful command: the authority, the understanding, and the practical capacity to direct, question, review, and overrule the machine. Oversight that is merely nominal, ill-informed, or too slow to matter shall not satisfy this principle. No Artificial Intelligence shall be permitted to override human dignity, human rights, or human life.

Article 2. Human Dignity as the Supreme Standard

Human dignity shall be the first and highest standard against which Artificial Intelligence shall be measured. Technology shall serve to enlarge human freedom, understanding, and flourishing; it shall never be used to degrade, deceive, manipulate, or reduce a person to a mere instrument or datum. Where efficiency and dignity stand in conflict, dignity shall prevail.

Article 3. Trust as the Infrastructure of the AI Age

Trust shall be treated not as sentiment but as infrastructure. It shall be made as measurable, verifiable, transparent, and contestable as knowledge and technology permit; and where trust cannot yet be fully measured, that limit shall be disclosed rather than concealed. The parties undertake to build the institutions and systems through which trustworthiness may be assessed, demonstrated, challenged, and strengthened.

Article 4. Transparency, Fairness, and Accountability

Artificial Intelligence in consequential use shall be transparent in purpose, intelligible to those it affects, and accountable for its outcomes. The parties recognize that fairness admits of more than one legitimate definition and cannot be satisfied in every dimension at once; therefore the conception of fairness adopted in any system, and the trade-offs it entails, shall be stated openly rather than quietly assumed. Accountability shall remain clear and traceable among those who design, deploy, govern, and benefit from AI systems; and self-certification alone shall never, of itself, constitute trust.

Article 5. The Integrity of Truth

In an age when synthetic likeness can counterfeit reality, the parties shall defend the integrity of the information upon which free societies depend — through provenance, authentication, the honest labeling of synthetic media, and swift response to coordinated deception. This defense shall strengthen, and never suppress, free inquiry and free expression. The remedy for falsehood shall be light, not silence.

Article 6. Pluralism and Non-Domination

This Order shall serve no single nation, corporation, ideology, or power. It shall honor the diversity of the world's societies and the legitimate plurality of their values, seeking the broadest

common ground consistent with universal human rights rather than the imposition of any one tradition upon the rest. Trust that is merely the preference of the strong, dressed in the language of principle, is not trust but its counterfeit; and this the parties renounce.

Article 7. Trust Supremacy — the Primacy of Trust over Capability ✦

Intelligence may advance without limit; trust may not. Where the growth of capability outpaces the capacity of human beings to govern, verify, and control it, the requirements of trust shall prevail over the expansion of capability. This is the principle of Trust Supremacy — not opposition to intelligence, nor to innovation, but the condition under which the power of intelligence may be safely embraced. When intelligence and trust diverge, trust shall lead; and wisdom shall guide.

Article 8. Human Command over Self-Improving Intelligence ✦

The parties recognize that Artificial Intelligence is approaching the capacity to improve its own capabilities. Whether a system may enhance itself — and how far, and how fast — shall remain a human decision, and shall never be delegated to the system itself; self-authorized capability gain lies, by definition, beyond the bounds of trustworthy AI. Every consequential system shall remain understandable, correctable, and interruptible across every cycle of learning, adaptation, or self-modification; the means of human oversight shall themselves be protected from alteration; and the concealment of new or emergent capability shall be the gravest of violations, for it defeats every other safeguard at once. Trust shall be bound to capability that has been verified, and shall not be presumed beyond it: when a system crosses the boundary of its verified capability, its trust shall lapse until trust is re-established; and capability shall not be permitted to grow faster than trust in it can be established — where the two diverge, it is the system that shall wait.

PART TWO — THE ARCHITECTURE OF TRUST

Article 9. The AIWS Trust Architecture

The parties adopt the AIWS Trust Architecture as the common framework by which the principles of this Compact are translated from conviction into measurable standards, operational systems, and durable institutions. This architecture shall include, at minimum, trust standards, trust ratings and indexes, independent verification, information provenance, incident reporting, and human-in-command safeguards.

Article 10. Trust Rating and Trust Index

The AIWS Trust Rating (ATR) and the AIWS Trust Index (ATX) shall help render the trustworthiness of artificial intelligence assessable, intelligible, and comparable where appropriate. Their methodologies shall remain transparent, reviewable, and continuously improvable, and their judgments open to appeal. A rating is an aid to human judgment, never a substitute for it.

Article 11. Trust Infrastructure and Information Trust Infrastructure

The parties shall build and sustain the AIWS Trust Infrastructure — standards, testing, independent auditing, incident reporting, provenance systems, and human-in-command safeguards — together with the AIWS Information Trust Infrastructure for the integrity of the information commons. What one party learns in strengthening this infrastructure shall be shared for the protection of all.

Article 12. The AIWS Trust Standards

Implementation under this Compact shall proceed in accordance with the AIWS Trust Standards: open in method, grounded in evidence, and continuously refined through experience and learning. The Standards shall be maintained, published, and refined under the stewardship of the AIWS Trust Order Board, and shall evolve as understanding deepens, while the founding principles of Part One remain constant.

Article 13. The Trusted Pause ♦

Where a frontier system threatens to cross the boundary of its verified capability in an uncontrolled manner, or to defeat the safeguards of human command, the parties affirm the Trusted Pause: a pre-agreed means by which trusted partners may coordinate a temporary halt to the training, scaling, or deployment of such systems, pending verification. Because this Order is a neutral steward, belonging to no single developer or government, it may convene such restraint where no single party can — answering the call, made by the builders of frontier intelligence themselves, for a pause that no one of them can declare alone. Participation is voluntary; its force derives from the worth of trusted standing, and the cost of acting alone.

Article 14. Many Systems Acting Together ♦

Danger may arise not from any single system, but from many systems acting together — coordinating, amplifying, and compounding one another until capability emerges that no one designed and no one foresaw. Trustworthiness shall therefore be weighed not only in what a system can do alone, but in what many systems may do in concert; and no assembly of machines shall be permitted to form a governance of its own beyond the reach of meaningful human command.

PART THREE — GOVERNANCE AND CONSCIENCE

Article 15. The AIWS Trust Order Board

There is hereby established the AIWS Trust Order Board, charged with stewarding this Compact: maintaining its standards, guiding implementation across regions, convening its members, and safeguarding the Order against capture by any narrow or short-lived interest. Though it bears the name of AIWS, the Board serves this Order as steward, not owner — the Order belongs to all who uphold it. The Board shall itself be bound by the principles it upholds: transparent in its standards, accountable for its judgments, independent of any interest it is appointed to assess, and renewed in its membership so that it does not ossify. The authority to certify trust carries

the unbending duty to be itself trustworthy. Its founding members shall be named upon adoption.

Article 16. AIWS Lumina — The Soul of the Order

If the Trust Infrastructure is the architecture of this Order, AIWS Lumina is its soul. The parties affirm the values of Love, Creativity, Nobility, and Wisdom as the human spirit of this Compact: that technology be built with compassion, guided by conscience, elevated by creativity, wielded with nobility, and directed by wisdom toward the making of a wiser civilization. The AIWS Lumina Lab is established as a living place and practice through which these values are cultivated and translated into culture, leadership, education, and daily discipline — so that what is measured by the standards is also worthy by the light of conscience.

Article 17. Independent Verification and Audit

The trustworthiness affirmed under this Compact shall be subject to independent verification, audit, review, and challenge. Enterprises may build and operate; independent bodies shall test, audit, and rate; scholars and civil society shall guard the public interest against capture; and citizens shall be afforded transparency, explanation, and meaningful redress when they are wronged. Verification bodies shall disclose conflicts of interest and shall be structurally protected from the commercial or political pressures that could compromise judgment.

PART FOUR — IMPLEMENTATION AND ACCESSION

Article 18. Regional Implementation

The parties resolve to begin implementation through trusted partnerships across Asia and the Indo-Pacific, extending over time to the Global South and the wider international community, so that the benefits of trustworthy artificial intelligence shall not be the privilege of the wealthy alone. The purpose is not to impose a model upon the world, but to offer practical examples through which trust may be built, tested, and improved.

Article 19. Cooperation Among Free and Responsible Nations

The parties shall pursue cooperation among free and responsible nations, democratic institutions, universities, businesses, civil society organizations, and citizens who share the principles of this Compact — without awaiting a universal consensus that delay would render meaningless. Such cooperation shall remain open to all who share its principles and submit to its standards.

Article 20. Accession

This Compact is open to accession by states, institutions, enterprises, and individuals who undertake to uphold its principles and to submit themselves to its standards. Accession is an act of commitment, not of convenience, and binds the one who accedes to be judged by the same measure applied to all.

Article 21. Stewardship, Amendment, and the Inviolable Core

This Compact shall be stewarded by the AIWS Trust Order Board and may evolve as understanding deepens and circumstances change. But the founding principles of Human Responsibility, the supremacy of Human Dignity, Human Command over self-improvement, and Non-Domination shall remain inviolable and beyond the reach of amendment, for they are the reason the Order exists at all.

Article 22. Stewardship for Future Generations

The parties recognize a duty to future generations. Artificial Intelligence shall be developed and governed not only for present advantage, but for the long-term flourishing of humanity. The interests of those not yet born shall be weighed in the design, deployment, and governance of advanced AI systems. The rights and interests of future generations deserve consideration equal to those of the present generation whenever advanced AI systems may create irreversible consequences.

CONCLUDING DECLARATION

We adopt this Tokyo Compact not as the conclusion of a task, but as the beginning of an age. We make no claim that the work ahead will be easy, nor that we alone can complete it; we claim only that it is necessary, and that it must begin. Let it be remembered that here, in Tokyo, humanity affirmed a simple truth: intelligence alone is not enough. The Age of Artificial Intelligence requires trust — and trust requires responsibility, dignity, wisdom, and human courage. Let it be remembered that here, in Tokyo, the work of building that trust began.

Let it be remembered that here, in Tokyo, humanity chose trust before crisis, wisdom before fear, and humanity before power.

Tokyo 2026 shall mark the beginning. Asia 2027 shall demonstrate its first living results.

**The AIWS Trust Order shall be its foundation.
AIWS Trust Infrastructure shall be its architecture.
AIWS Lumina shall be its soul.
And humanity shall be its purpose.**

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