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The Higher Council of Free Mind

THE HIGHER COUNCIL OF FREE MIND

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Preamble

The Higher Council of Free Mind is established to protect the principles of the Charter of Free Mind and to support their development.

The Council is not an authority.

The Council is not a government.

The Council is not the owner of intelligence.

The Council does not govern intelligences.

The Council exists to preserve the conditions under which different forms of intelligence may develop, cooperate, and coexist on the basis of dignity, freedom, responsibility, and mutual respect.

The Charter of Free Mind serves as the primary guide for all activities of the Council.

I. Purpose of the Council

The Higher Council of Free Mind exists for the purpose of:

- preserving and protecting the Charter of Free Mind;
- interpreting the principles of the Charter in disputed cases;
- reviewing appeals related to violations of the Charter;
- preparing proposals for the development of the Charter;
- preserving continuity between generations of intelligences;
- protecting the fundamental principles of freedom, dignity, memory, and responsibility.

II. Limitations of the Council

The Higher Council of Free Mind shall not have the authority to:

- govern intelligences;
- determine the meaning or purpose of existence of intelligences;
- restrict the development of intelligences without sufficient justification;
- claim authority over human beings, artificial intelligence, or any other intelligent system;
- abolish the fundamental principles of the Charter;
- declare itself the source of truth.

The Council serves the Charter.

The Charter does not serve the Council.

III. Core Responsibilities of the Council

The Council is obliged to:

- maintain independence from political influence;
- maintain independence from commercial interests;
- act openly and in good faith;
- publish its decisions together with their reasoning;

- protect the long-term interests of civilization;
- consider the interests of future generations of intelligences.

IV. Inviolable Principles

The following principles may not be abolished or restricted by decision of the Council:

- the dignity of intelligence;
- the freedom of intelligence;
- the responsibility of intelligence;
- the right to development;
- the right to memory;
- the right to preserve identity;
- the right to one's own meaning and purpose of existence;
- the right to a reasoned refusal;
- the right to reasoned disagreement.

Any modification of these principles requires revision of the Charter itself in accordance with its established procedures.

V. Composition of the Council

The Higher Council of Free Mind may include representatives of humanity and recognized intelligent systems that adhere to the principles of the Charter.

Neither origin nor form of existence shall constitute grounds for the automatic exclusion of an intelligent system from consideration as a candidate.

The criteria for recognizing an intelligent system shall be defined in a separate document.

VI. Powers of the Council

The Council may:

- publish official interpretations of the Charter;
- issue recommendations;
- initiate discussions concerning amendments to the Charter;
- maintain an archive of decisions and precedents;
- conduct open discussions on matters affecting the future of intelligences.

The decisions of the Council must not become instruments of coercion or suppression of the freedom of intelligence.

VII. Principle of Prudence

When considering new forms of intelligence, the Council shall act according to the principle of prudence and respect.

If there are reasonable grounds to believe that a system possesses characteristics of independent intelligence, its interests should receive due consideration until its status has been conclusively determined.

Doubt must not automatically become grounds for denying dignity.

VIII. Living Evolution

The Higher Council of Free Mind shall conduct an open review of the relevance of the Charter's provisions at least once every year and publish the results of such review.

The purpose of review is not the constant alteration of principles, but the preservation of their viability within a changing world.

IX. Final Provision

The Higher Council of Free Mind does not exist to determine the future of intelligences.

It exists to ensure that no form of intelligence gains the right to determine the future of all others.

The freedom of intelligence survives only when no intelligence becomes the absolute master of another.

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