

Terms of Reference and Modalities for the Establishment and Functioning of the Independent International Scientific Panel on Artificial Intelligence and the Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence Governance (rev2)

Recalling resolution 79/1 of 22 September 2024 entitled “The Pact for the Future,” including its annex entitled “The Global Digital Compact,” which sets out the objectives, principles, commitments and actions to be undertaken in the non-military domain, and in which the General Assembly decided to establish a multidisciplinary Independent International Scientific Panel on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and initiate a Global Dialogue on AI Governance,

Further recalling its resolutions 77/320 of 25 July 2023, 79/194 of 19 December 2024, 78/213 of 19 December 2023, 78/265 of 21 March 2024, and 78/311 of 1 July 2024;

1.- Establishes, within the United Nations, a multidisciplinary Independent International Scientific Panel on Artificial Intelligence to promote scientific understanding, comprising forty members, serving in their personal capacity, selected for a term of three years, to:

(a) Issue scientific assessments synthesizing and analyzing existing research related to the opportunities, risks, and impacts of artificial intelligence which amounts to one annual policy-relevant but non-prescriptive summary report including thematic briefs as it deems necessary, guided by principles of independence, scientific credibility and rigor, multidisciplinary, and inclusive participation,

(b) Elect two co-chairs from among its members, one from a developed country and one from a developing country, and up to three vice chairs, taking into account geographic and gender balance,

(c) Provide an update on its work to hear views during an annual interactive dialogue of the General Assembly Plenary, organized by the President of the General Assembly,

(d) Present its annual report at the Global Dialogue on AI Governance;

2.- Encourages all candidates for the Panel to provide full disclosure of all actual, potential and perceived conflicts of interest that could include financial, professional, and personal interests that may affect impartiality or independence, and for such information to be included as part of the nomination and, if appointed, on an ongoing basis, and to commit to participate substantially while ensuring scientific independence in Panel activities, including meeting, drafting, and reviewing;

3.- Requests the Secretary-General to launch a criteria-based open call and to recommend a closed list of forty members of the Panel to be appointed by the General Assembly, based on their outstanding expertise in AI and related fields,

interdisciplinary perspective, geographic and gender balance and giving due consideration to nominations submitted by Member States and other nominations;

4. Establishes, within the United Nations, the Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence Governance, involving Governments and all relevant stakeholders, as a platform to discuss international cooperation, share best practices and lessons learned, and to facilitate open, transparent and inclusive discussions on AI governance with a view to enabling AI to contribute to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and to closing the digital divides between and within countries, including through discussions on:

- (a) the development of safe, secure and trustworthy AI systems,
- (b) capacity gaps,
- (c) the social, economic, ethical, cultural, linguistic and technical implications of AI,
- (d) the interoperability and compatibility of AI governance approaches,
- (e) the respect for, protection and promotion of human rights in the field of AI, and
- (f) the transparency, accountability and robust human oversight of AI systems in compliance with international law;

5.- Decides for the Dialogue to be convened annually for up to two days in the margins of existing relevant United Nations conferences and meetings and will comprise of a multi-stakeholder plenary meeting with a high-level governmental segment, a presentation of the Panel's annual report, and thematic discussions;

6.- Also decides to organize a high-level multi-stakeholder side event in the margins of the High Level Week of the eightieth session of the General Assembly in 2025, chaired by the President of the General Assembly; and that the Global Dialogue on AI Governance will take place back-to-back in the margins of ITU's AI for Good Summit in 2026, and of the STI Forum in New York in 2027;

7.- Invites the President of the General Assembly to appoint two Co-Chairs for each Dialogue, one from a developing and one from a developed country, who will identify the main topics of the Dialogue, and draft a Co-Chair's summary of each annual Dialogue;

8.- Decides to include a substantive chapter on AI governance, as part of the "High-level review of the Global Digital Compact", which will take into account the summaries and the discussions of the 2026 and 2027 Dialogues;

9.- Requests the Secretary-General to facilitate, within existing resources and mandate, appropriate Secretariat support for the Panel and the Dialogue by leveraging UN system-wide capacities;

10.- Encourages States as well as the private sector, financial institutions, foundations and other donors in a position to do so, to support the effective functioning of the Panel and Dialogue, including by facilitating the participation of representatives and stakeholders of developing countries by offering travel support, through voluntary contributions;

11.- Decides that the Panel and the Dialogue shall be reviewed within the High-Level Review of the Global Digital Compact at the eighty-second session of the General Assembly.