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 (rev4)

Recalling resolution 79/1 of 22 September 2024 entitled "The Pact for the Future," including its annex entitled "The Global Digital Compact," 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, bearing in mind that this resolution, as well as the activities of the Panel and the Dialogue are limited to the non-military domain and do not refer to artificial intelligence for military purposes,

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 with balanced geographic representation to promote scientific understanding, comprising forty members, serving in their personal capacity, selected for a term of three years, to:

(a) Issue evidence-based 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, multidisciplinarity, 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) Establish working groups as needed and may consult informally with external experts,

(d) Provide updates on its work up to twice per year to hear views through an interactive dialogue of the General Assembly Plenary with the Co-Chairs of the Panel,

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

2.- Requires all candidates for the Panel to provide full disclosure of all 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 and integrity in Panel activities including meeting, drafting, and reviewing;

3.- Requests the Secretary-General to launch a published criteria-based open call and to recommend a list of forty members of the Panel to be appointed by the General Assembly in a timebound manner, based on their outstanding expertise in AI and related fields, interdisciplinary perspective, geographic and gender balance, taking into account candidacies from a broad representation of varying levels of technological development, including from developing countries, with no more than two selected candidates of the same affiliation and no employee of the UN system;

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 with regards to:

(a) the development of safe, secure and trustworthy AI systems,

(b) capacity gaps, with a view to leveraging existing United Nations and multi-stakeholder mechanisms to support artificial intelligence capacity-building to bridge artificial intelligence divides, facilitate access to artificial intelligence applications and build capacity in high-performance computing and related skills in developing countries,

(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 a manner that complies with international law and,

 (g) the development of open-source software, open data, and open AI models;

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, alternating between Geneva and New York, and is to be comprised 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 informal meeting to launch the Dialogue 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 initially 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 that the co-facilitators of the "High-level Review of the Global Digital Compact" will hold intergovernmental negotiations to elaborate a declaration reflecting common understandings on priority areas for international AI governance, taking into account the summaries of the previous Global Dialogues, open to the endorsement of all relevant stakeholders, as an input to the High-Level Review of the Global Digital Compact and to further discussions;

9.- Stresses that the Panel and the Dialogue´s work will contribute to inform and improve capacity building´s efforts on AI, and encourages the specialized agencies, funds, programmes, other entities, bodies and offices, and related organizations of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates and resources, to take into consideration the contributions of the Panel and the Dialogue in leveraging the opportunities and addressing the challenges in enhancing international cooperation on artificial intelligence capacity-building, including through using appropriate inter-agency mechanisms, conducting research, mapping and analysis, reporting on progress and challenges in this field, and leveraging their resources and expertise to provide tailored assistance;

10.- 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 including those from the Inter-Agency Working Group on AI;

11.- 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 that are made public in the interest of full transparency;

12.- Decides that the continuation of the terms of reference of the Panel and the Dialogue may be considered and decided by the General Assembly during the High-Level Review of the Global Digital Compact at its eighty-second session.