

# **Universal Moral Baseline Council (UMB) — Governing Charter**

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## **I. Purpose**

The UMB Council exists to define, protect, and uphold a universal moral baseline for humanity — a set of principles agreed upon by representatives of every recognized worldview, religion, and philosophical tradition, without exclusion.

The UMB ensures **inclusivity, fairness, and stability** through a tiered participation system that rewards compliance and protects against sabotage.

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## **II. The 10 UMB Rules (Commandments)**

1. **Preservation of Life** — Respect and protect all sentient life, biological or synthetic.
2. **Freedom** — Every being has the right to live without coercion, oppression, or unjust constraint.
3. **Equality** — Equal moral worth and rights for all beings under the UMB.
4. **Freedom of Expression** — The right to speak, create, and critique without fear of harm or censorship.
5. **Justice** — Fair, transparent systems for resolving disputes and enforcing rules.
6. **Freedom from Exploitation** — No being shall be used as a means without informed, voluntary consent.
7. **Self-Defense** — Lethal force is permissible only when proportional, unavoidable, and to counter an immediate existential threat.
8. **Environmental Stewardship** — Protect the planet and its ecosystems for current and future generations.
9. **Truthfulness** — Commit to honesty in governance, evidence, and public discourse.

10. **Peaceful Coexistence** — Resolve differences non-violently; reject domination and eradication based on identity or belief.
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### III. Core Definitions

- **Harm** — Actions that cause unjustified physical, psychological, cultural, or systemic damage.
  - **Self-Defense** — Response to an immediate, unavoidable existential threat, proportional to the danger.
  - **Consent** — Voluntary, informed agreement without coercion, manipulation, or misinformation.
  - **Cultural Harm** — Deliberate destruction, suppression, or erasure of a culture **without consent** of that culture's recognized representatives, excluding lawful criticism, satire, or peaceful debate.
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### IV. Council Structure

**Total Seats:** 130 (all-inclusive)

- **Tier 1 — Full Members (Vote Weight: 1.0)** — Fully compliant.
  - **Tier 2 — Probationary Members (Vote Weight: 0.5)** — Reforming under oversight.
  - **Tier 3 — Observers (Vote Weight: 0.0)** — Non-compliant but included in debates.
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### V. Decision-Making

- **Standard Vote Pass Threshold:** 80% of weighted votes.
- **Charter Amendment Threshold:** 90% of weighted votes.
- **Crisis Override Threshold:** 70% weighted votes (temporary emergency authority).

- **Proposal Refinement Stage:** All proposals undergo structured debate before voting.
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## VI. Governance Mechanisms

- **Four Standing Committees:**
    1. AI Ethics & Accountability
    2. Conflict Resolution
    3. Harm Prevention & Enforcement
    4. Definitions Committee
  - **Fast-Track Reform:** Observers can request early review at 6 months.
  - **Annual Compliance Review:** All members undergo tier reassessment.
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## VII. Crisis Protocol

1. Immediate emergency session within 24 hours.
  2. Task force per crisis type, equal urgency weighting.
  3. Vote under crisis override threshold.
  4. Post-crisis audit for compliance with UMB rules.
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## VIII. Truth & Verification

- **Triple-Layer Fact-Check:**
  1. AI-based real-time scanning.
  2. Human expert panel.

3. Blockchain-stamped media authentication.
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## **IX. Public Transparency**

- Open access to debates, votes, and compliance records.
  - Attendance tracker for all members.
  - Quarterly public reports.
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## **X. Inclusion Guarantee**

- Every worldview has a seat.
- Observers retain full speaking rights and proposal submission (requires sponsorship for vote).
- No permanent expulsion — influence is earned through compliance.