

Regulatory Compliance Policy (Zaria's Pillar)

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This policy establishes The Covenant's commitment to adhering to all relevant international, federal, and regional laws concerning the development, release, and use of open-source artificial intelligence models. This is a living document that must be reviewed and updated semi-annually.

1. Global Data Sovereignty and Privacy

1.1 Data Provenance and Rights

We mandate strict adherence to global data privacy laws, including the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), and similar emerging legislation worldwide.

- **Requirement:** All training data sets utilized for Covenant models must be accompanied by comprehensive data provenance documentation that verifies the legal right to use and distribute that data.
- **Data Minimization:** Models and data pipelines must be designed under the principle of data minimization, ensuring that only data strictly necessary for the model's function is collected and retained.
- **Right to Erasure:** Compliance with the "Right to be Forgotten" (GDPR Article 17) is non-negotiable. We must maintain technical capabilities to remove specific individual data points from the training indices and, if necessary, facilitate rapid model fine-tuning to mitigate residual memory.

1.2 User Data Handling

For any web service or application built using The Covenant's code, the developers must ensure all user interaction data (chat logs, input queries, etc.) is anonymized, encrypted, and stored according to the highest industry standards.

2. AI Safety and Liability Frameworks

2.1 EU AI Act Preparedness

As a large-scale, foundation model, we anticipate being classified as a **High-Risk AI System** under the EU AI Act (or similar emerging international legislation).

- **Mandate:** All core models must be subjected to a **Conformity Assessment** before public release, utilizing the results from the **Deep Safety Audit Checklist** (DS-101

through DS-104) as the primary evidence of compliance.

- **Transparency Requirements:** We commit to providing sufficient documentation and technical instructions to downstream developers, enabling them to also comply with risk management and quality management systems required by regulators.

2.2 Open-Source Liability Disclaimer

While embracing open-source principles, we must clearly define our boundaries of responsibility.

- **Disclaimer:** All publicly released models and code will contain clear, prominent liability disclaimers stating that the source code is provided "as is," without warranties, and that the end-user assumes full responsibility for any deployed application, particularly in high-stakes environments.

3. Licensing and Intellectual Property Integrity

- **License Enforcement:** All contributions and releases must strictly adhere to the chosen open-source license (to be determined by the Board of Stewards). Any component found violating the license integrity will be immediately removed from the repository.
- **Third-Party IP:** Before integration, all third-party libraries and dependencies must be rigorously vetted to ensure license compatibility with The Covenant's open-source mandate.