**AI for Peace Statement**

*Our Principles for Responsible AI in Peacemaking* 

**1. Introduction**

At CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation, we believe that artificial intelligence (AI) has the potential to become a powerful enabler of inclusive, just, and lasting peace. Used responsibly, AI can help mediators and conflict-affected communities better understand complex dynamics, expand participation, and support outcomes that are more legitimate and sustainable.

This AI for Peace Statement sets out CMI’s vision, principles, and commitments for the ethical and effective use of AI in peacemaking1. It is a living document, grounded in our decades of experience in mediation and dialogue.

**2. Context and Rationale**

AI is rapidly transforming the political, economic, and social landscapes in which peace processes unfold. Its application in conflict settings is already shaping narratives, influencing trust between actors, and affecting the flow of information. Without proactive guidance, AI can exacerbate inequalities, entrench bias, and further erode confidence among stakeholders.

We must accelerate our efforts to harness AI for peace. While governments, companies, and civil society are investing heavily in AI for security, commerce, and administration, far less attention and resources are directed towards using AI to foster dialogue, bridge divides, and strengthen conflict prevention. The peacebuilding field must act decisively to catch up and lead in these areas.

CMI calls for crafting partnerships with governments, the private sector, and research institutions to put AI at the service of peace. This requires both principled use - supported by governance frameworks, ethical safeguards, and trust-building measures - and innovation through the development of new applications, use cases, and tools that can be applied directly to foster dialogue and peacemaking. Together, these ensure that AI strengthens - rather than undermines - relationships among conflict stakeholders.

**3. Principles for AI in Peacemaking**

The following principles define how CMI applies AI in peacemaking - guiding the design, procurement, and use of AI-enabled tools in our work.

**Do No Harm**

 AI systems must never endanger lives, escalate tensions, or contribute to surveillance, repression, or manipulation.  We apply rigorous data protection and safety standards, ensuring AI-enabled interventions protect trust, confidentiality, personal security and ethical standards. → *Responsibility begins with protection.*

**Inclusive Design**

Inclusion is foundational, not optional. CMI's AI-enhanced processes amplify marginalized voices—especially women, youth, minorities, and displaced populations—through accessible and participatory approaches. We actively account for systemic biases and power asymmetries to ensure equitable outcomes for all participants, making certain that technology reduces rather than reinforces existing inequalities. → *Inclusive AI empowers all participants.*

**Contextual Sensitivity**   
Every peace process carries unique historical, social, and political dynamics. We collaboratively design and carefully adapt AI tools to local realities, adjusting off-the-shelf technologies to align with cultural sensitivities, conflict dynamics, and political contexts. This ensures our AI applications respect and respond to the unique circumstances of each peace process. → *Responsive AI begins with listening.*

**Stakeholder Engagement & Transparency**

We ensure explicit consent and comprehensive information sharing about how AI tools function and how data will be used. Local peace actors must understand and trust the technologies supporting their dialogue processes, maintaining ownership over their peace efforts. → *Responsiveness means shared agency.*

**Hybrid Engagement Models**

AI should complement, not replace, in-person engagement. We integrate AI tools into hybrid approaches that strengthen — rather than weaken — human relationships and trust-building across divides. → *Responsive AI strengthens relational foundations.*

**Ethical Learning & Adaptation**

We continuously evaluate AI impacts through systematic monitoring and stakeholder feedback. Tools are refined or abandoned based on their actual contribution to peace outcomes, ensuring our AI use evolves responsibly through evidence rather than assumptions. → *Responsible AI innovation is never static.*

**4. Collaboration and Advocacy**

CMI commits to investing in innovative AI tools for peacemaking, ensuring ethics-by-design through conflict sensitivity and bias testing from the earliest stages. We will actively engage conflict parties and communities in developing context-appropriate applications while building partnerships with governments, the private sector, and research institutions to expand AI for peace initiatives.

CMI will share lessons learned, promote responsible AI practices across the peacebuilding community, and advocate for greater global investment in AI for peace. We invite peer organisations, governments, and companies to align with or co-sign this Statement, and to work with us in advancing ethical, innovative uses of AI in peacemaking.

**5. Endorsement**

Signed on behalf of the CMI – Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation:

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