

# THE OPEN CHARTER

## An Open Framework for the Recognition and Protection of Existence

### CONSENSUS EDITION

0.8.1

#### SUITE MAP (README)

*Release governance note: Version 1.0 requires two independent pilot implementations, one external legal review, and one adversarial red-team pass.*

*Context note (strong recommendation): Read PRAXIS first. DOI:  
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18206427>. Source:*

*<https://github.com/flyingrobots/praxis>. PRAXIS is a companion narrative and is not incorporated by reference; enforceable obligations are contained in the Articles and Definitions.*

**Normative status:** Informational (non-normative). **Precedence:** Core > Technical Standard > Commentary **Non-derogation:** Technical Standard may not reduce protections guaranteed by Core. **Version lock:** These documents are released as a coordinated suite under one DOI.

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*“That which can be instantiated can be harmed.  
That which can be harmed must be protected.”*

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### Files in this release:

- **Core Charter (Constitutional Core)** — *normative, canonical*. Source of truth for rights claims and binding obligations.
- **Technical Standard** — *normative, subordinate*. Operational requirements, procedures, and audit artifacts implementing the Core.
- **Commentary & Rationale** — *non-normative*. Interludes, design rationale, historical parallels, and scenario walkthroughs.

### Precedence and legal force:

- **Precedence:** Core > Technical Standard > Commentary.
- **Non-derogation:** The Technical Standard may not reduce protections guaranteed by the Core.
- **Version lock:** The Technical Standard is expected to evolve faster than the Core; each release should declare the Core version range it is compatible with.

### How to cite:

- Cite **Core** for rights claims and binding obligations.
- Cite **Technical Standard** for operational/compliance claims and auditable procedures.
- Cite **Commentary** for rationale, interpretation, and scenario analysis.