

PREAMBLE
TO THE
CHARTER
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR
IDENTITY DOCUMENTS

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The States, Intergovernmental Organizations, and Competent Authorities and Institutions,

Conscious of the imperative to establish a structured and enduring international framework through which cooperation, coordination, and mutual understanding in the domain of identity documents and systems may be fostered and sustained,

Recognizing that the assurance of secure, verifiable, and trustworthy identity management constitutes a fundamental precondition for the exercise and protection of legal rights, equitable access to public and private services, the facilitation of lawful international travel and migration, the safeguarding of public security, and the promotion of sound governance,

Acknowledging the evolving complexity and increasing global salience of identity systems, encompassing, inter alia, civil registration mechanisms, physical and digital credentials, biometric identity technologies, cryptographic protocols, and digital identity infrastructures,

Mindful of the diverse legal, technical, and procedural practices that govern the issuance, verification, and administration of identity instruments across national and regional contexts, and affirming the necessity of preserving such diversity while simultaneously advancing principles of international interoperability and mutual respect,

Reaffirming the sovereign prerogative of States and the institutional competence of duly constituted authorities to establish, regulate, and administer identity systems in accordance with their respective constitutional frameworks, domestic legislation, and policy determinations,

Emphasizing the exigency of establishing a neutral, inclusive, and technically proficient international entity capable of offering normative guidance, facilitating institutional coordination, and providing technical support in the development, implementation, and harmonization of identity-related standards, protocols, and operational mechanisms,

Gravely concerned by the adverse implications of technological fragmentation, the absence of mutual recognition frameworks, the proliferation of fraudulent identity documents, the escalation of identity theft, and other threats that undermine the integrity, credibility, and security of identity systems at both the domestic and international levels,

Convinced that the reinforcement of international cooperation, the promotion of transparency, and the adherence to shared technical and ethical principles shall contribute substantively to the development of secure, reliable, and interoperable identity documents and systems worldwide,

Resolved to foster best practices, facilitate the responsible and lawful exchange of information, support institutional capacity-building, and enhance international trust and confidence in identity infrastructure, in full conformity with the purposes and principles of international law and with due regard to human dignity and fundamental rights,

Have agreed to establish an international organization under the title of the International Organization for Identity Documents, hereinafter referred to as IOID and OIDI, and do hereby adopt this Charter as the constitutive instrument delineating its legal personality, objectives, powers, and institutional structure.