Here is a one-page validation correction notice clarifying the role of **Fairness** and reinforcing the structure of the **15 Canonical Values** in *The AI Moral Code* architecture.

**Validation Correction Notice: Canonical Value Integrity – Fairness Misclassification**  
*The AI Moral Code – Documentation Clarification*  
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**Purpose:**  
This correction affirms that *Fairness* is not one of the 15 Canonical Values defined in *The AI Moral Code*. While frequently referenced in ethical AI literature and included as a performance metric in simulation scenarios, **Fairness** belongs to the domain of *Operational Values*, not the foundational moral architecture.

**1. Clarification of Canonical Status**  
The 15 Canonical Values serve as the *ontological and justificatory core* of the AI Moral Code. They are:

**Trust, Transparency, Accountability, Autonomy, Dignity, Safety, Security, Responsibility, Integrity, Law, Liberty, Protection, Rights, Human Welfare, Moral Duty**

These were derived from an empirical analysis of 291 AI ethics documents and are weighted across Normative, Regulatory, Behavioral, and Conceptual (NRBC) categories.

**2. Role of Fairness in the Framework**

* **Classification:** *Operational Value*
* **NRBC Location:** Primarily **Behavioral** and **Regulatory** (see Integrated Framework for Taxonomy Evaluation, 2025)
* **Function:** Measurable metric to evaluate bias reduction, equitable outcomes, or distributive ethics across simulations
* **Ethical Anchor:** Fairness is a **contextual attribute** of the Canonical Value **Justice**, when evaluated under social or institutional settings.

**3. Correction for Use Case Scenarios**  
When **Fairness** appears in simulations (e.g., AI in hiring, education, or sentencing), it should be cited as follows:

“Fairness, as an operationalization of the Canonical Value **Justice**, was evaluated using demographic parity, bias mitigation audits, and equity thresholds.”

**4. Instruction for Future Use**

* **Do not** refer to Fairness as a Core or Canonical Value.
* **Do** link it to Justice, Responsibility, or Human Welfare when used as a practical metric.
* **Do** preserve the integrity of the 15 Canonical Values across all diagrams, glossaries, and narrative references.

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