



## TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT USERS

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**Law enforcement users are deemed to have acknowledged and accepted the terms of engagement of the *AI for Safer Children* initiative by registering to access the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB.**

These terms of engagement intend to clarify to the law enforcement users of the *AI for Safer Children* initiative what can be expected of the initiative, its coordinators and the law enforcement users themselves, and, thereby, strengthen their cooperation in fighting child sexual exploitation and abuse online through the power of artificial intelligence (AI).

For the purposes of this document, the following definitions apply:

- **Coordinators:** the Ministry of Interior of the United Arab Emirates and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), as represented by its Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics.
- **Law enforcement users:** the law enforcement officers and any other agents, civilian or otherwise, interested in learning about or already using AI and other emerging technology tools to combat child sexual exploitation and abuse online that engage with the AI for Safer Children initiative by joining the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB.
- **Technology providers:** the private companies, academic institutions, non-profit organizations and any other entities developing tools to combat child sexual exploitation and abuse online that engage with the AI for Safer Children initiative by providing information about their tools to be displayed on the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB.
- **Tools:** any software tools using AI and other new and emerging technologies that can be deployed to combat child sexual exploitation and abuse online.

### 1) AN INFORMATION-BASED INITIATIVE

The *AI for Safer Children* initiative aims to empower law enforcement agencies globally to leverage AI and other new and emerging technologies to combat online sexual exploitation and abuse of children. It does so by building their knowledge and understanding of these topics and providing them with opportunities to connect and share their experiences. The initiative and the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB are therefore above all information-sharing and community-building platforms. This means that:

- > **The *AI for Safer Children* initiative does not provide access to the tools featured on the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB to law enforcement users.** Law enforcement users interested in acquiring displayed tools should follow the information provided in the AI Tools Catalogue and contact the relevant technology providers.
- > **The *AI for Safer Children* initiative does not coordinate, supervise or in any way partake in the procurement and implementation of tools by the law enforcement users.** The

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decision to employ any such tools is a matter to be determined exclusively by individual law enforcement agencies themselves.

- > **The initiative and the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB are not assessment platforms.** The initiative is neither involved in evaluating or certifying the tools displayed on the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB nor testing whether the technology providers have upheld applicable ethical and legal principles throughout the development cycle of the tools. In other words, the inclusion of any tool on the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB does not indicate endorsement by the initiative or any of its coordinators. As a result, before relying on any tools, law enforcement users are encouraged to independently evaluate the tools on elements such as their accuracy and their human rights, privacy and ethical impacts, seeking appropriate expert advice where necessary.
- > **The AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB is a secure platform exclusively accessible by law enforcement users.** Law enforcement users should not make public any information contained on the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB, where doing so may compromise future investigations and undermine efforts to fight child sexual exploitation and abuse online. Furthermore, law enforcement users should communicate to the coordinators if they leave their law enforcement agency position by sending an email to [unicri.aiforsafersaferchildren@un.org](mailto:unicri.aiforsafersaferchildren@un.org). Access credentials of such individuals will subsequently be rescinded.
- > **The AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB is not a commercial platform.** The *AI for Safer Children* initiative intends to support and ensure that law enforcement users can identify the tool that best suits their needs according to the criteria they input, rather than being influenced in favour of any particular technology provider or tool. Law enforcement users should bear this purpose in mind when interacting with each other and providing feedback on the tools through the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB. Furthermore, law enforcement users should not seek to use their membership to the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB to further any commercial advantage of any technology provider.

## 2) RESPONSIBLE DEPLOYMENT OF THE TOOLS

The *AI for Safer Children* initiative acknowledges the risk of adverse consequences for individuals and communities that may result from the incorrect use of technology by law enforcement users. In keeping with its core principles, **the initiative is committed to promoting the responsible use of the tools featured on the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB.** In this regard, the importance of law enforcement users acting in compliance with broadly accepted ethical principles, human rights, national and international principles of good policing and all applicable laws is emphasized throughout the initiative's implementation. In particular:

- > In all their activities, and especially when deploying the tools featured on the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB, law enforcement users should:
  1. **Respect and uphold all children's rights and always act in the best interests of the child in all actions that relate to children.** They should consider in what ways their actions may impact children and take measures to avoid their actions undermining the rights provided for in the **Convention on the Rights of the Child** such as their rights to non-discrimination, privacy and data protection.
  2. **Conduct themselves in full compliance with all international human rights and rule of law principles,** maintaining the highest consideration for the rights of the individuals and communities that they serve as essential to prevent and mitigate any risks that may derive from deploying the tools displayed on the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB.

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3. **Comply with all the other applicable national and regional laws when deploying the tools**, including any relevant requirements and standards regarding personal data protection.
- > When selecting and deploying any tools included on the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB, law enforcement users are further encouraged to:
1. **Make use of the learning resources in the “Learning Centre”** according to their role and level of expertise to build their understanding of AI, how to implement the tools in the fight against online child sexual exploitation and abuse, and how to do so in a responsible manner while managing the toll on their wellbeing resulting from investigating child sexual exploitation and abuse.
  2. **Carefully evaluate their level of preparedness to deploy a certain tool and that of their organization** from a technical, legal and ethical perspective, consulting with relevant internal or external advisors whenever needed.
  3. **Assess the tools’ strengths and limitations, their suitability and relevance for their purposes and the ethical and legal aspects of their development** by using the information provided in the AI Tools Catalogue of the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB and arranging for independent third-party assessments of the tools wherever possible.
  4. **Engage in dialogue within their community** about what types of tools they are deploying and how, as a best practice for fostering trust in AI and law enforcement and therefore its sustainability in the long term.

### 3) COOPERATING WITH THE INITIATIVE AND PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT

The *AI for Safer Children* initiative is independent from the technology providers and is not in any way involved in the development, testing or commercialization of their tools. Nonetheless, the integrity of the AI Tools Catalogue of the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB in accordance with the core principles of the initiative is upheld throughout its implementation. In particular:

- > Tools will not be featured on the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB where there are substantial grounds for believing that serious human rights violations occurred during its development or will likely result from its use. Should this transpire, notice will be transparently communicated to both the technology providers and the law enforcement users of the removal of the tool in question. Where feasible, guidance and support will be given to law enforcement users of the tool about how to address possible concerns, as well as to technology providers about specific measures that can be taken in the development process to mitigate similar concerns.

Law enforcement users are encouraged to cooperate with the initiative in this endeavour in any way available to them. In particular, law enforcement users are urged to:

1. **Provide constructive and accurate feedback about the tools on the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB.** When doing so, they should bear in mind not only the technical aspects of those tools but also the ethical and human rights aspects of behind such development.
2. **Consent to have their contact details displayed in the Meet Other Offices section of the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB** to facilitate sharing their experiences and knowledge exclusively with other law enforcement users.

#### 4) PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

Law enforcement users are advised to carefully read the Personal Data Protection and Privacy Policy for the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB to get acquainted with their rights and responsibilities regarding the processing of personal data in the context of the *AI for Safer Children* initiative. Law enforcement users should note that they must respect the confidentiality of all the personal data that they can access through the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB

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#### 5) CHANGES TO THESE TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT

The *AI for Safer Children* initiative reserves the right to modify these Terms of Engagement at any time. If the Terms of Engagement are changed, a notice will be posted on the AI FOR SAFER CHILDREN GLOBAL HUB along with the updated terms. Law enforcement users that disagree with the changes may terminate their account.