Your Excellencies, thank you for this opportunity to intervene.

My name is Rufo Guerreschi. I am the Founder and President of the Geneva-based **Trustless Computing Association**, and CEO of its startup "spin-in" **TRUSTLESS dot AI.** A group with governance structure similar the **OpenAI** non-profit foundation.

We must face the fact that human rights and democracy worldwide have been **overall greatly diminished** by the nature of current social media, messaging apps and computing devices, completely dominated by only two nations. Power has therefore accrued in the hands of a few globally-unaccountable entities.

Ten years after Snowden and seven after Cambridge Analytica, digital privacy and social media are **much worse** than before. Now, with the acceleration of AI, the damage to human rights and democracy is bound to be **fatal** unless properly and **boldy** regulated.

EU, UN and national regulations have barely scratched the surface.

New AI ethics manifestos and bill of rights have been the proper start, but they will be **ultimately completely useless** unless we decisively move on to discussing what institutions can reliably enforce those ethics.

The ultimate source of this situation is that we, as humanity, haven't found a way to **reconcile to societal values:** <u>on the one side</u>, human rights and democracy and, <u>on the other,</u> the need to safeguard public safety by preventing terrorists and rogue nations from the abusing of **increasingly dangerous technologies** like, nuclear, bioweapons, encryption, and now AI.

We've outsourced the latter to the intelligence agencies of the US, Russia, China and Israel to protect us, which they thankfully did effectively so far.

Yet, they have been unable to prevent global risks to increase, and they used such a role to unduly advance their perceived short-term economic and geopolitical advantage.

Since World War II - and even more since the wide availability of algorithmically unbreakable encryption in the 90s - we've been given a **stark <u>binary</u> choice between safety or liberty**, and we made the obvious choice at the ballot box.

In the face of the immense threats posed by the mix of AI and under-regulated social media - and significant threats of AI to human existence - the only true solution is for a critical mass of nations to move forward to create **new intergovernmental organizations** that we need to fullfill three key mandates:

- First, **reliably ban dangerous AI development.**
- Second, **globalise the highest expertise in AI safety and AI capability;** and

- 3rd, **create, certify and govern radically more secure and accountable IT systems for both (A)** control sub-systems **of the most advanced AIs and society-critical systems, and for (B)** human, social and diplomatic communications **- while ensuring legitimate lawful access.**

In Geneva - together with world-class partners and advisors, and interest from over 15 states and IGOs - we are building a new open and neutral inter-governmental organization and related digital infrastructure, to serve the third one of these functions, via the Trustless Computing Certification Body and Seevik Net Initiative.

Initially for diplomats, heads of state, journalists, activists and IGO officials, and later all citizens, such will include a **neutral multinational cloud** and **ultra-thin mobile devices,** carried in custom leather wallets or embedded in the back of any smartphone, to complement device and services we are grown dependent on.

It will enable them to have much more high-bandwidth, fair and effective digital dialogue among and within nations, that we need to build the consensus and institutions required to tackle those and other global challenges.

By September, we are selecting **no more than 7 globally diverse states**, 2 IGOs and 2 neutral INGOs to be cofounders of this initiative.

If interested, we encourage you to reach out to me directly, and to join us **in Geneva next September 20th and 21st** for the 12th Edition of the Free and Safe in Cyberspace conference series, to learn more about the Initiative, help shape it, and meet other prospective members.

For details of our vision and detailed proposal for how new intergovernmental organizations could and **should** be built to steer IT and AI for the benefit of all humanity, we encourage you to go to our website, starting 6pm tonight, to read our "Harnessing AI Risk" foundational last blog post and paper.

Thank you for you attention! Glad to reply to some questions.