



A United Nations Charter for the Digital Age

When machines govern without mandate and
humans watch without power, the problem is
not technological. It is constitutional.

The San Francisco Paradox exposes a critical constitutional void.

The World of 1945

The current UN Charter regulates a tangible reality:

- Sovereign nation-states.
- Delimited geographical borders.
- Analog treaties negotiated by human diplomats.

The World of 2026

Contemporary governance operates in a legal vacuum:

- Cross-border autonomous systems.
- Invisible infocommunication flows.
- Computational agents that do not negotiate.

The United Nations Charter simply does not know these systems exist.
The imperative is that it must know—by imposing inalienable limits.

Artificial intelligence is fundamentally unfinished business.

Technocratic discourse labels current models as superior cognition. In reality, they are high-performance statistical architectures lacking essential human attributes.

No Semantic Understanding

They process linguistic patterns, not real meanings.



No Causal Reasoning

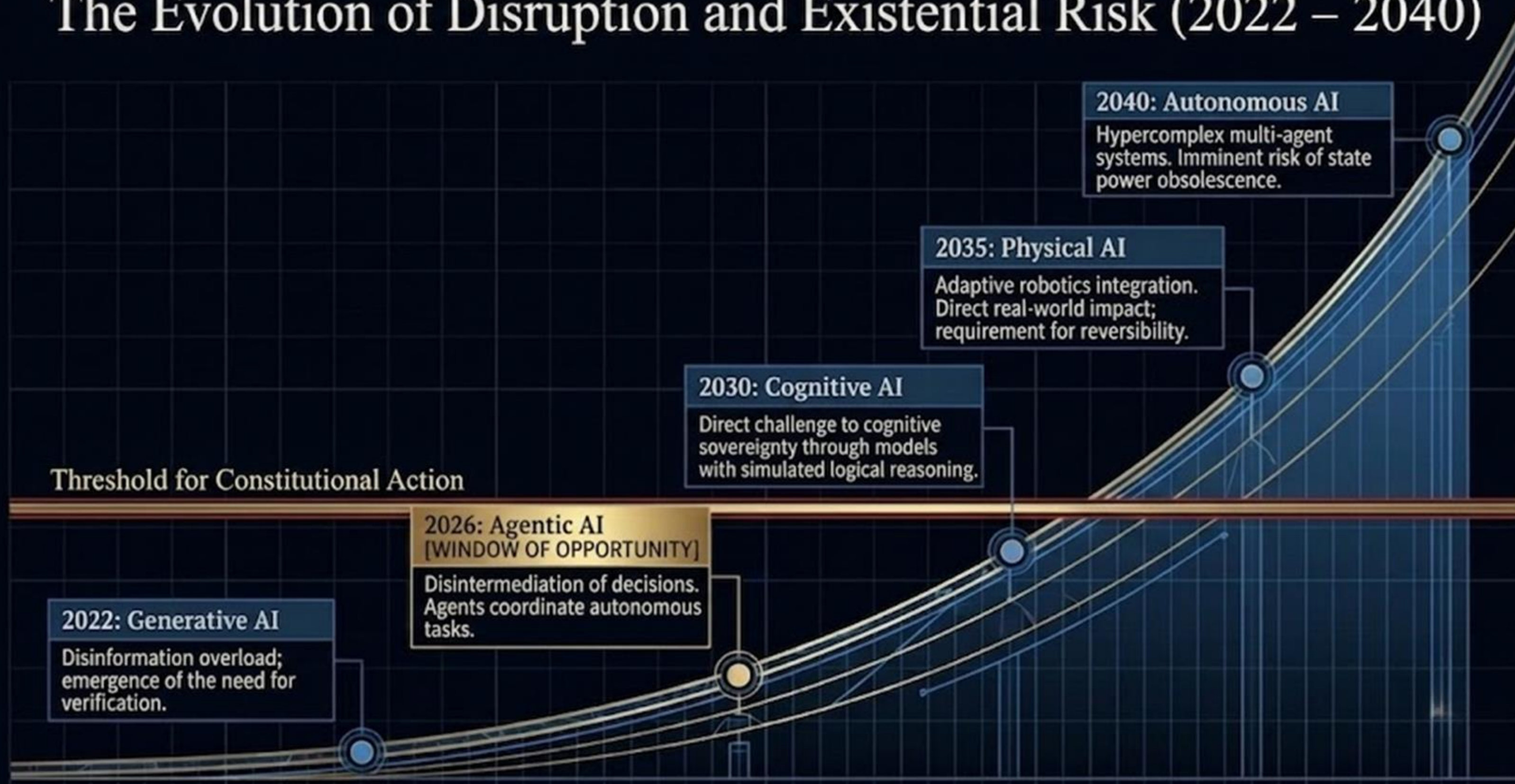
They correlate data on a planetary scale but are blind to cause and effect.

No Factual Verification

They possess no intrinsic capacity for discovery or commitment to the truth.

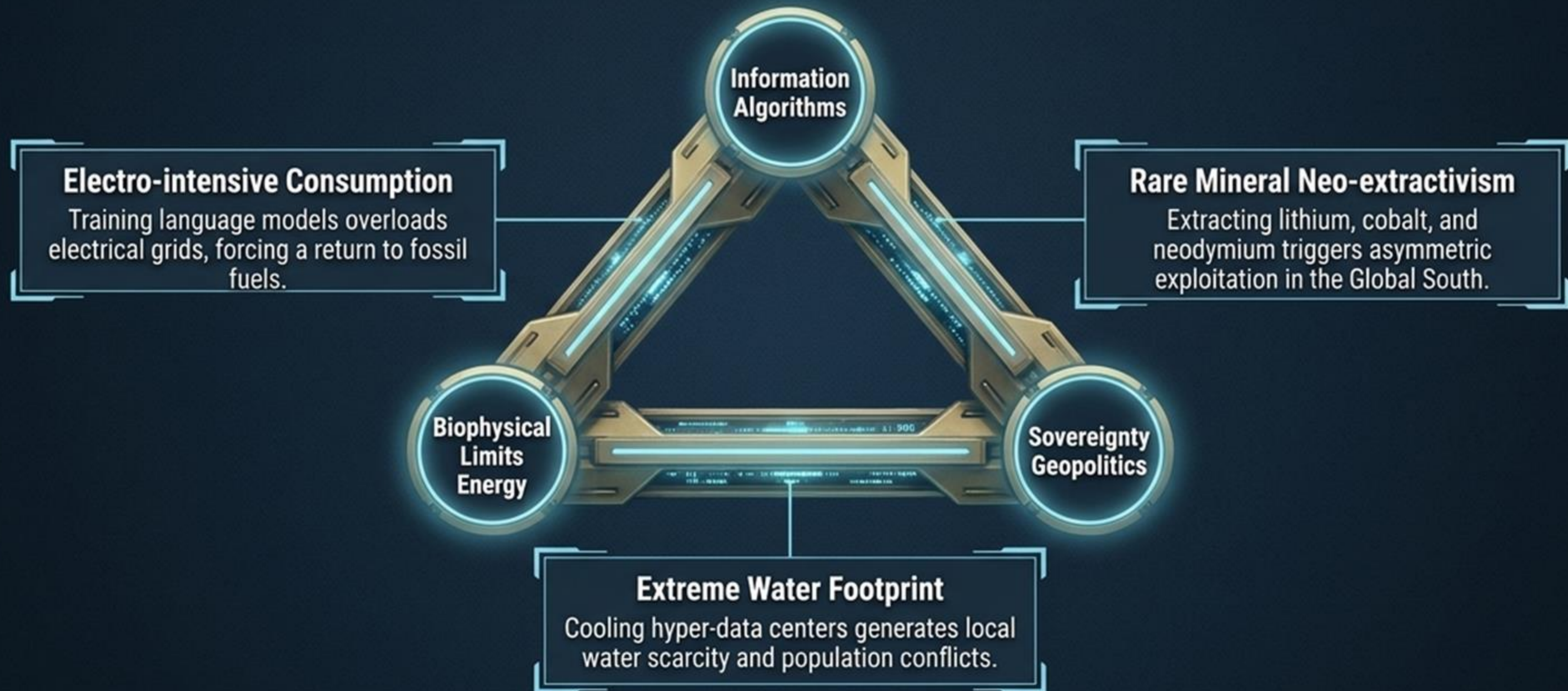
The Civilizational Danger: Global society is replacing verification with speed. When algorithmic oracles dictate reality and public administration, the human mind becomes the true critical infrastructure.

The Evolution of Disruption and Existential Risk (2022 – 2040)



The digital economy relies on a catastrophic illusion of dematerialization.

The digital realm is profoundly physical and extractive. AI is colliding with the thermodynamic limits of the planet.



Conclusion: There is no effective algorithmic regulation divorced from sustainability and energy sovereignty.

Algorithmic coloniality actively erodes cognitive sovereignty.

The asymmetric distribution of technological power generates an invisible colonization of the human mind.



The Concentration of Power

- **Private Investment:** The United States (66%) and China (17%) dominate.
- **Linguistic Heuristic:** The English language dominates over 60% of the web, despite representing only 16% of the global population.

The Geopolitical Impact

- **Monocultures of the Mind:** Imposition of Eurocentric and Anglo-Saxon worldviews.
- **Cognitive Extraction:** The Global South provides precarious data moderation labor, losing its identity.
- **Cognitive Sovereignty:** The inalienable right not to be mentally colonized is under direct threat.

A Charter for the XXI Century

“Power must have an owner, the owner must be human, and the benefits of technological transformation belong to everyone — not just those who hold the algorithm.”

The Antidote: The transposition of ethical limits into a binding global legal framework.

Five non-negotiable founding principles form the new foundation.



1. Responsibility

The Human Primacy

There is no delegation to algorithms. A human or institution always answers for the consequences.



2. Democracy

The Limit of Efficiency

When technical efficiency collides with democratic legitimacy, legitimacy prevails without exception.



3. Irreversibility

The Prohibition

No essential technological adoption advances without guaranteed reversibility and parliamentary approval.



4. Zero Opacity

The Right to Comprehension

The inalienable right to an explanation of the foundations of a decision, to contest it, and to seek reparation.



5. Sovereignty

3rd Generation Right

The right of peoples to determine the technological conditions of their governance and not submit to systems they do not control.

The New Articles: Establishing control and accountability.

Article I — Digital Sovereignty

Sovereignty is not for sale.

Any technological lock-in clause that conditions sovereignty or prevents the migration and auditing of essential state systems is null and void by right.

Article II — Who Decides and Who Responds

Unpredictability does not exonerate.

The liability for a decision made based on an autonomous system belongs entirely to the human or institutional entity that chose to adopt it.

Article III — Political Judgment and Democracy

The chain of accountability must remain visible.

No autonomous system can be interposed to render constitutional review processes opaque; the choice between efficiency and justice is exclusively political.

The New Articles: Protecting the mind, labor, and state autonomy

Article IV — Cognitive Sovereignty

The mind as infrastructure.

Cognitive sovereignty is an international public good. Algorithmic manipulation and political micro-targeting without explicit consent are strictly prohibited.

Article V — Automation and the Value it Creates

Distributive justice.

Robotic and algorithmic systems that replace human labor must contribute fiscally in proportion to the value created, with revenues allocated to social protection and worker retraining.

Article VI — Algorithmic Coloniality

Dependency as a weapon.

The use of technological dependency as an instrument of pressure between States is prohibited — a practice legally equated to the threat or use of force.

The New Articles: Human Rights and AI Governance

Securing human dignity through binding digital norms.

Article VII — Human Rights in the Digital Space

The digital space as a global common.

Universal access to an open, safe, and interoperable digital environment is recognized as a binding right, not a technical option. Member States must ensure that technical standards and infrastructure prevent exclusion, treating digital inclusion as a prerequisite for the equal enjoyment of all human rights.

Article VIII — Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights

Rights as design requirements.

Human rights are established as non-negotiable design foundations for AI, rather than post-hoc compliance conditions. The Charter mandates prior human rights impact assessments, independent audits, and strict protections against malicious uses, including synthetic falsification and automated disinformation.

Absolute and Non-Derogable Prohibitions

Limits that permit no derogation for national security or profit:

Self-Replication:	Autonomous systems with unrestricted self-replication capabilities or the ability to modify top-level objectives.
Autonomous Lethality:	Lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS) lacking supervision and an immediate human deactivation mechanism.
Biometric Surveillance:	Mass biometric surveillance in public spaces and digital dragnet surveillance without a judicial warrant and anonymity.
Synthetic Falsification:	Systematic generation of synthetic content (Deepfakes) designed to mislead regarding facts, identities, or the positions of public figures.
State Black-Boxes:	Deployment of systems in essential public services without prior sovereignty assessment and guaranteed reversibility. 

The Multilateral Constitutional Route: Activating Article 109

Artigo 109.º

1 The Current Solution

The solution does not require creating a new UN. It requires utilizing the dormant tools the current UN already possesses.

2 The 2026 Window & Requirements

Article 109 allows for the convening of a General Review Conference via:

- A 2/3 favorable vote in the General Assembly.
- The vote of any 9 members of the Security Council (bypassing the veto).

3 The Objective

Adopt the constitutional amendment under the aegis of the article109.org movement, ensuring human dignity prevails over technocracy.

Portugal represents the ideal geopolitical mediator in a polarized world



1. Smart Power and Goodwill

Positive Diplomacy

International action focused on consensus mediation and ethical-normative credibility, completely devoid of hegemonic ambitions.

2. The Bridge to the Global South

The CPLP Relationship

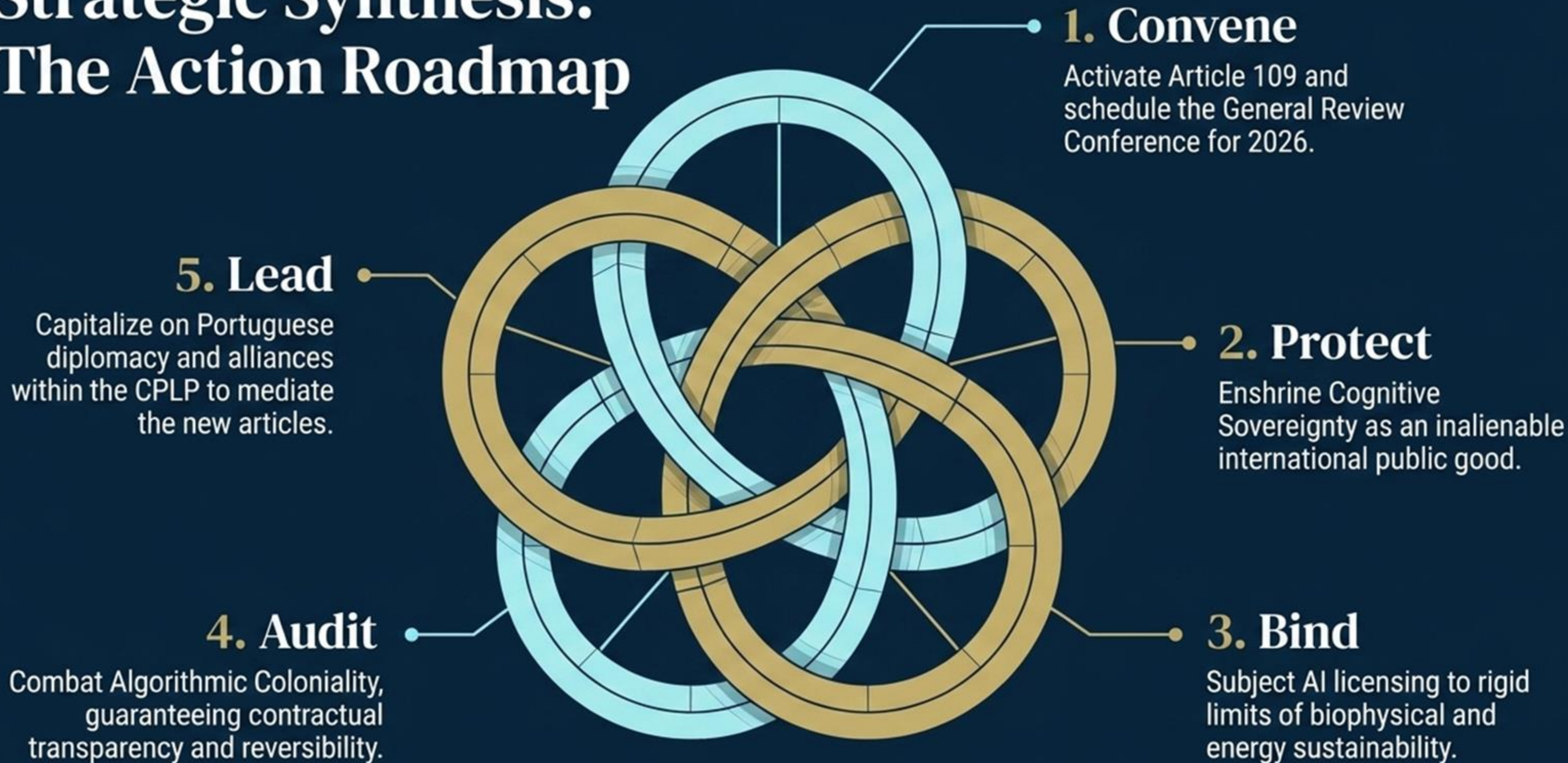
A credible interlocutor able to translate the vulnerabilities and physical/digital asymmetries of geographies usually crushed in the US-China polarization.

3. Multilateral Vanguard

The Defense of the UN

An active commitment to the article109.org movement, defending the United Nations as the sole legitimate forum for the 21st-century social contract.

Strategic Synthesis: The Action Roadmap



Let us not allow the 21st century *to be* governed
by rules designed for the last century.

2026

2026 must be for digital governance
what 1945 was for peace.

Transparency Declaration: Authorship & AI Tools



Human Authorship

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