



The Coalition for Peace and Coexistence Inc.

Advancing Neutral Dialogue and Lasting Peace

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The Charter of the Coalition for Peace

The Flagship Project of the Coalition for Peace and Coexistence Inc.

Executive Summary

The Coalition for Peace and Coexistence Inc. (CPC), a not-for-profit organisation registered in Australia (Incorporated Association No: A0127612T), hereby issues this Charter as the governing document of the **Coalition for Peace (CfP)**.

The CfP is the **flagship project** of CPC. It functions like any other CPC project (such as the Voices Project, Newsletter, or West Bank–Israeli Dialogue Team), but on a larger scale and with a more structured framework. The CfP is fully accountable to CPC's Executive team under Australian law.

This Charter establishes the **functions, roles, and regulations** of the CfP, ensuring transparency and trust between members, partner organisations, and delegates. For clarity:

- **CPC Members** are individuals who join CPC in a personal capacity, committing to its philosophy and mission.
- **CfP Delegates** are representatives nominated by their institutions, approved by CPC, and entrusted to represent their organisations within CfP branches.

The CfP is not a separate legal entity but a **network within CPC**. Agreements reached under CfP are not legally binding unless supported by formal documentation and legal processes.

Above all, CfP seeks to become a **coalition between coalitions**: a neutral, unifying project that enhances coordination across the Israel–Palestine peacebuilding field. It does not replace existing platforms such as PNGO, ALLMEP, or AIDA, but instead complements them by fostering structured information sharing, mutual benefit, and sustained cooperation across divides.

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Article I – Nature of CfP

1. The Coalition for Peace (CfP) is a flagship project of the CPC, operating under its constitution, bylaws, and executive authority.
2. CfP exists to provide a **structured coalition framework** for organisations in Gaza, the West Bank, Israel, and internationally, to engage in collective dialogue and cooperation.
3. CfP does not have a separate legal personality. All operations remain legally and financially accountable to CPC.

Article II – Objectives of CfP

1. To enhance **coordination and cooperation** among peacebuilding organisations across divides.
2. To provide **branch-based platforms** (Gaza, West Bank, Israel) for localised dialogue and cooperation.
3. To convene **occasional full-coalition meetings** to symbolise and strengthen joint commitment to peace.
4. To serve as a **neutral, complementary framework** alongside existing coalitions (e.g. ALLMEP, AIDA, PNGO, YEDF).
5. To ensure transparency, respect, and mutual accountability between members, delegates, and CPC.

Article III – Membership

Section 1: CPC Membership

1. Membership in CPC is personal in nature.

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2. Individuals join CPC in their individual capacity, committing to its mission, philosophy, and principles.
3. CPC membership does not imply representation of any institution.

Section 2: CfP Participation

1. Membership in CfP is representative, regional, or institutional in nature, members in the CfP are henceforth referred to as 'delegates'.
2. Organisations, communities, or coalitions may nominate delegates to represent them in CfP branches.
3. All nominations are subject to:
 - a. The delegate's personal consent.
 - b. Formal approval by CPC Central Administration.

Section 3: Dual Membership

1. A person may hold:
 - a. CPC membership only.
 - b. CfP delegate status only.
 - c. Both simultaneously, provided boundaries are respected.
 2. In cases of dual membership, conflicts of interest must be avoided.
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Article IV – Delegates and Representation

Section 1: Nomination and Appointment

1. Partner institutions may nominate delegates.
 2. Delegates are appointed only after CPC approval.
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3. Institutions may replace delegates via written notice, but may not dismiss them unilaterally once accepted.

Section 2: Tenure and Removal

1. Delegates may resign with written notice (effective after 30 days).
2. Delegates' tenure ends upon death, resignation, or dismissal by CPC.
3. CPC may dismiss a delegate for:
 - a. Persistent non-compliance with CPC policies.
 - b. Conduct contrary to CPC's values.
 - c. Repeated unexcused absences.
 - d. Failure to perform assigned duties.

Article V – Structure of CfP

1. CfP shall operate through four main branches:
 - a. **CfP Gaza**
 - b. **CfP West Bank**
 - c. **CfP Israel**
 - d. **CfP International**
2. Branches may meet regularly (e.g. bi-weekly) to discuss issues relevant to their context.
3. CfP shall convene full-coalition meetings on a less frequent basis (e.g. quarterly or semi-annually).
4. Branch coordinators shall be appointed by CPC to facilitate operations and ensure communication.

Article VI – Communication and Transparency

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1. CPC shall maintain a unified communication system ensuring all members and delegates receive identical updates.
 2. Information regarding CfP decisions, schedules, and reports will be distributed simultaneously to all branches.
 3. Transparency and inclusivity are guiding principles of CfP communication.
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Article VII – Accountability and Conduct

1. All members and delegates are expected to uphold CPC's Charter principles: neutrality, respect, dignity, and rejection of violence.
 2. Delegates are expected to:
 - a. Attend scheduled meetings or provide notice of absence.
 - b. Contribute to branch and coalition discussions constructively.
 - c. Represent their institution's perspectives faithfully while respecting CfP's shared mission.
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Article VIII – Amendments

1. Amendments to this Charter may be proposed by CPC's Executive or by branch delegates through formal motion.
 2. Amendments require consultation with branch liaisons and approval by CPC Central Administration.
 3. All amendments must remain consistent with CPC's constitution and legal framework.
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Article IX – Legal and Financial Authority, Branch Powers, and Partnership Governance

1. Legal Personality and Financial Authority

- The **Coalition for Peace and Coexistence Inc. (CPC)** is the sole entity possessing legal personality and independent financial liability.
 - Only CPC is legally authorised to manage funds, sign contracts, receive grants or donations, and represent the organisation before courts, government agencies, or official authorities in Australia and abroad.
 - The **Coalition for Peace (CfP)** and its committees are internal organisational frameworks without independent legal or financial status.
 - No CfP body may enter contracts, receive funding, or act legally in its own name without the explicit written approval of CPC's Central Administration.
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2. Separation of Liability

- CPC's financial and legal liabilities are fully distinct from those of its partner organisations.
 - Partner organisations bear no responsibility for CPC's debts, commitments, or obligations.
 - Likewise, CPC bears no responsibility for the financial, legal, or administrative liabilities of its partner organisations.
 - This separation ensures institutional independence, prevents conflicts of interest, and safeguards professional cooperation.
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3. Partnership Framework (MoUs)

- All partnerships under CFP shall be governed by **formal Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs)** between CPC and the partner institution.
 - Each MoU must clearly define:
 - a. Scope of partnership.
 - b. Mutual responsibilities and obligations.
 - c. Administrative and financial mechanisms.
 - d. Duration of partnership and withdrawal conditions.
 - e. Approved budgets and the roles of each party.
 - MoUs are required before the implementation of any CFP project.
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4. Implementation and Participation

- CFP projects are not required to include all members of CFP councils.
 - Only institutions that participated directly in the project's design and signed the relevant MoU may take part in implementation.
 - Each approved project must have an **official reference number** and be deposited with CPC's Central Administration.
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5. Withdrawal and Ethical Obligations

- Partner institutions may withdraw from a project in accordance with the withdrawal period specified in the MoU.
 - Institutions are expected to act in good faith and honour their commitments once projects reach the implementation stage.
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- Withdrawal after reviewing final project proposals, budgets, or role allocations shall be regarded as a breach of professional ethics and trust.
- Where an MoU establishes binding obligations, withdrawal outside the agreed period may constitute a contractual violation under Australian law.

6. International Branches of CPC

- Official CPC branches established under host-country law (e.g., in Israel, Palestine, or elsewhere) shall enjoy the same powers and functions as CPC's parent body, from the moment of legal registration.
- Such branches must operate within their designated geographic scope, comply fully with host-country laws, and remain under CPC's constitution, policies, and central oversight.

7. Exclusive Authority of the CPC Board

- The CPC Board of Directors retains sole authority to represent CPC in all legal, financial, and official matters.
- No CFP committee, branch, or coordinating body may:
 - Issue legal statements,
 - File lawsuits,
 - Sign contracts, or
 - Authorise financial transactionswithout prior written approval from CPC's Central Administration.

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