CONCEPT NOTE | STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION SESSION WITH TECHNOLOGY PROVIDERS

TOOLKIT FOR RESPONSIBLE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) INNOVATION IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

Consultation: 3 November 2022, 13:00-14:30 CET

BACKGROUND

Although a promising technology, the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in law enforcement can often be a highly sensitive and controversial subject. The absence of specific guidance on the use of AI in law enforcement has placed increased value on the need to advance AI governance for law enforcement.

To this end, the INTERPOL Innovation Centre and the Centre for AI and Robotics of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) undertook to develop a *Toolkit for the Responsible AI Innovation in Law Enforcement*, with the financial support of the European Union.

The objective of the initiative is to fill gaps in terms of guidance and help law enforcement agencies across the globe in the development, procurement and deployment of AI in a responsible manner. To do so, the Toolkit will include a series of practical and operationally-oriented resources to support law enforcement agencies in adhering to the principles for responsible AI innovation, which are drawn from human rights and ethical principles related to policing.

With a view toward promoting openness and transparency in the Toolkit development process and ensuring that the project is accepted by, and benefits from the insights of all relevant stakeholders, INTERPOL and UNICRI are organizing a series of consultations with representatives from law enforcement agencies as well as other important stakeholders from industry, academia, judiciary and prosecutors, and human rights experts.

OBJECTIVE

While law enforcement agencies play a significant role in ensuring the responsible use of AI, in many cases the technology being used is developed by other entities. According to a poll conducted by INTERPOL and UNICRI at the *3rd Global Meeting on AI for Law Enforcement*, in approximately 60% of cases, when law enforcement agencies consider the application of AI, they will seek to procure tools from technology providers rather than attempt to develop capabilities in-house.

In light of the significant role played by technology providers in ensuring responsible AI, this consultation is intended to collect their feedback on the guidance contained in the Toolkit. During the consultation, INTERPOL and UNICRI will present the aspirations and objectives of the Toolkit at a high-level and describe its various resources. This includes aspects such as the principles that should guide the use of the AI technology by law enforcement and key considerations for law enforcement to take into account to ensure the implementation of these principles, which may impact the decisions

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taken during the procurement processes. Ultimately, the consultation will seek to affirm with technology providers that what is being presented to the law enforcement community reflects the perspective of those developing and providing the technology to law enforcement.

STRUCTURE OF THE CONSULTATION

The consultation will be structured as a moderated discussion. Participants will first be introduced to the Toolkit and its various resources – which will be shared ahead of the meeting for their review. Thereafter, participants will have the opportunity to individually share general feedback and discuss freely with the Toolkit team and the remaining participants. A series of guiding questions will be posed to frame a group discussion. The guiding questions will include issues such as:

- What are your thoughts on the Toolkit and its resources from the perspective of a technology provider?
- Is there anything in the Toolkit that you consider potentially problematic from a technology provider's perspective? Do you consider the Toolkit could be useful for you as a provider of technology to align your work with the needs and requirements of law enforcement?
- Is responsible AI in law enforcement being considered in your company or organization? And if so, how is it being addressed? Is the Toolkit consistent with policies, practices or messaging on responsible AI in your company or organization? Is there anything unique in your approach that is not being considered in the Toolkit?
- As a technology provider, have you ever received any requests or questions from law enforcement agencies concerning responsible use? If so, how were such requests handled?
- How can the support of technology providers for initiatives such as the Toolkit be secured?

PARTICIPANTS

This consultation will be limited to representatives of technology providers providing AI-based technologies to law enforcement. This includes technology providers developing AI-based tools exclusively for law enforcement use and those developing tools for use by law enforcement agencies amongst other clients.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The meeting is expected to inform the development of the Toolkit in the following manner:
- To gather insights on the best way to reflect the perspectives of technology providers in the Toolkit.
- Expert feedback on the draft resources of the Toolkit will be obtained.

For more information about the Toolkit for Responsible Artificial Intelligence Innovation in Law Enforcement please click here