Representation, Attribution & External Expert Referencing Policy

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1. Purpose

To prevent ambiguity between individual viewpoints and institutional positions when referencing Contributors or external experts.

2. Representation Rules

Contributors:

- Do not speak on behalf of QIST
- Do not represent QIST positions
- Do not issue endorsements, certifications, or compliance statements

Required language for Contributor content:

"The views expressed are those of the Contributor and do not represent official QIST positions."

3. Attribution Standards

All Contributor outputs must include:

- Full name
- Role: "Contributor — [Track Name]"
- Disclosure of relevant affiliations

4. Prohibited Language

Contributors may not use:

- "QIST endorses…"
- "QIST certifies…"
- "In partnership with QIST…" (unless contractually true)

5. External Expert Referencing

When QIST references Contributors publicly:

- They are described as independent contributors
- No implication of authority, endorsement, or delegation

6. Enforcement

Misrepresentation triggers:

- Immediate correction
- Public clarification if needed
- Possible termination of affiliation