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Dear Greg,

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As you will have seen, last Monday I signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on AI safety with my counterpart, the Secretary of Commerce of the Government of the United States of America - Gina Raimondo. This MoU formalises the partnership between the UK and US AI Safety Institutes, announced at the Bletchley AI Safety Summit, and provides for interoperability between the two Institutes.

Specifically, through this MoU, the Institutes have agreed a shared intention to develop a joint approach to model evaluations - including the underpinning methodologies, infrastructures and processes. This arrangement provides for the sharing of information between the Institutes across the breadth of their activities and on the frontier AI models they evaluate. It facilitates international collaboration on technical research to advance scientific knowledge of frontier AI models and to enable sociotechnical policy alignment on AI safety and security. The institutes will work together to develop international standards for AI safety testing and other standards applicable to the development and deployment of frontier AI models. This MoU also provides for personnel exchanges between the Institutes and outlines an intention to conduct at least one joint testing exercise on a publicly accessible model – paving the way for further joint testing in the future.

This partnership heralds a new era of collaboration, with both nations recognising the value in combining their resources to enhance their capacity to understand and mitigate risk from advanced AI. This is particularly pertinent as we anticipate the launch of the next generation of AI models in the coming months.

It is my intention that our AI Safety Institute, and this landmark MoU with the United States, will allow us to work to greater effect with the Science, Innovation and Technology Committee on the “Twelve Challenges of AI Governance” that you published back in August of last year.

I hope you will join me in reaffirming this government’s commitment to tackling the challenges posed by AI head-on. Through collaboration, innovation, and shared determination, we will

continue to lead the way in ensuring a safer and more responsible AI landscape for generations to come.

Rt. Hon. Michelle Donelan

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Donelan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end of the last name.