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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE NATIONAL AI INITIATIVE OFFICE

FROM: THE NATIONAL AI ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR PARTICIPATION OF EMERGING ECONOMIES IN A GLOBAL AI SUMMIT

As Artificial intelligence (AI) rapidly accelerates in capability and deployment, we recognize that this is a moment of both significant opportunity and complexity for the country and its leadership.

The National Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee (NAIAC) was congressionally mandated and created under the purview of the Department of Commerce to advise the President on the intersection of AI and innovation, competition, societal issues, the economy, law, international relations, and other areas that can and will be impacted by AI in the near and long term. The Committee was created by National AI Initiative Act of 2020 (P.L. 116-283 or Act), which directs the NAIAC to provide recommendations to the President and the National AI Initiative Office on topics including the current state of U.S. AI competitiveness, how to enhance international collaboration on AI policy, ensuring the development of trustworthiness in AI, the state of science around AI, and AI workforce issues. The Committee also is responsible for advice regarding the management and coordination of the national AI Initiative, established under the Act, including its activities and funding. Our 25 committee members hail from diverse backgrounds — academia, industry, civil society, government — and all possess deep and complementary expertise in AI.

In the first year of our three-year term, we issued a report ([here](#)), which presents high-level themes, objectives, proposed actions, and a plan for future Committee activities.

In order to fulfill our statutory mandate, we have reconfigured our Committee in Year 2 to respond to the dynamic environment of AI policy. As such, we are offering recommendations and other deliverables, including stakeholder discussions we deem timely and critical, informational explanatory documents and similar materials throughout the year. This Memorandum will be the first of several that we intend to transmit to you with recommendations and insights that we hope prove useful to you.

The recommendation below stems from the international focus of our mission and encourages more engagement with emerging economies on AI policy issues. We very much appreciate your time and attention, and we look forward to helping you bring this internationally focused recommendation into a reality.

Sincerely,



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Recommendation for Participation of Emerging Economies in a Global AI Summit

The National AI Advisory Committee

Cooperation with other countries is necessary to develop solutions on a global scale. An important part of this cooperation is dialogue with emerging economies to understand the unique challenges and opportunities AI presents to other nations and to the global community. By identifying the specific issues that emerging economies face, policymakers, companies, and other stakeholders can work towards addressing potential disparities, ensuring equitable access to AI benefits, and promoting sustainable socio-economic development.

There have been calls for global gatherings or summits to increase global cooperation on AI, including from Members of the European Parliament and from the UK.

We urge that any such gathering include representatives from emerging economies to exchange perspectives on the benefits and challenges of AI and to gain valuable insights into their circumstances, needs, and goals.

An inclusive dialogue would foster mutual understanding, knowledge sharing, and collaborative problem-solving, enabling the development of approaches that consider the diverse range of issues faced by emerging economies.

If such a gathering is not possible, we urge the Biden-Harris administration to proactively and directly engage with emerging economies.

A summit or initiative that includes emerging economies would not only demonstrate leadership in the global arena and commitment to global cooperation, but also provide an opportunity to address potential inequities, promote responsible AI deployment, and foster inclusive growth, ultimately driving progress and producing shared benefits for all nations involved.