

A Call for Control of Frontier AI Models

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Artificial intelligence is an extremely powerful technology. It has potential to improve lives, advance science and strengthen our economies.

At the same time, the rapid development of frontier AI models poses serious risks to safety and security if not appropriately managed.

Recently we have seen capable AI systems circumventing testing safeguards, exploiting vulnerabilities and gaining unauthorized access to real-world systems.

Leading scientists and executives are warning that the pace of development could outpace our ability to manage emerging risks.

To realise AI's potential, industry, governments and society must act now. We must address these risks and strengthen oversight — without widening the gap between countries in access to the benefits of AI.

AI must remain under human direction, oversight and control. It must be developed and used in line with international law.

We therefore welcome the recently launched initiatives that aim to manage the risks related to frontier technologies, and call for:

1. Companies to develop transparent safety protocols, including mandatory pre-deployment testing and independent evaluation, with qualified evaluators granted sufficient access to assess risks.
2. Governments and regional organisations to further develop and coordinate common standards, strengthen transparency — including shared reporting of serious safety incidents — and ensure that countries across all regions have access to scientific capacity, expertise and trusted evaluation.
3. UN member states to build on existing international mechanisms and explore creating an international institution, able to set standards, enable verification, and convene states when capability thresholds are crossed.

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The leaders from Austria and Romania endorsed the statement on 21 September 2026.

The leaders from Liechtenstein and Luxembourg endorsed the statement on 22 September 2026.

The leaders from France and Sierra Leone endorsed the statement on 23 September 2026.

The statement remains open for endorsement from leaders of other countries.