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**Open Letter to  
the President of the European Parliament;  
the President of the European Council;  
the President of the European Commission;  
the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom;  
the governments of the member states of the European Union;  
the government of Norway and  
the government of Switzerland**

Artificial Intelligence is a field of research and technology that is already having an important impact on the citizens and nations across Europe – an impact that is certain to increase significantly in the future. Europe is also home to many of the world's best researchers and innovators in Artificial Intelligence, and many of these are based in the UK, a country with a rich and proud tradition in computing science and Artificial Intelligence.

We – the researchers and stakeholders comprising CLAIRE (the Confederation of Laboratories for Artificial Intelligence Research in Europe; see also below) – believe that, *regardless of the future relationship between the UK and the EU*, it is of great importance that all European nations, including the UK, closely collaborate on research and innovation in Artificial Intelligence. This is an area that is likely to bring fundamental change to the way we live and work – in the short, medium and long term. It will also play an important role in addressing the grand challenges we face as individuals and as societies. In addition, as a general-purpose technology, Artificial Intelligence is a global “game changer” and a major driver of innovation, future growth, and competitiveness; however, to fully realise the benefits and responsibly manage the risks associated with Artificial intelligence, cooperation across Europe (and beyond) is essential.

We, therefore, urge the stakeholders and decision-makers in the EU and UK to ensure and strengthen ongoing collaboration on Artificial Intelligence between the UK, the EU27 and associated countries, under all possible future relationships between the United Kingdom and the European Union.

Respectfully yours,



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