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FROM - Dr. Aiden Maxwell, Chief Advisor on Artificial Intelligence

ACTION

Public Communication on the Need for Artificial Intelligence Regulation

SUMMARY

1. In the face of rapid Artificial Intelligence (AI) developments and applications, it is essential to inform the public about the government's commitment to address the complex ethical, safety, and legal issues arising from AI. This communication is intended to assure the public of our commitment to regulate AI, maintaining a balance between fostering innovation and ensuring societal well-being. This public disclosure will address common concerns, inspire trust, and solicit public engagement in the regulatory process.

RECOMMENDATION

2. We propose a public announcement about our intention to regulate AI. Is the Minister ready to approve the public communication strategy?

TIMING

3. A decision is required by June 30, 2023. Delay in public communication might lead to speculation and miscommunication about the government's position on AI, which could further exacerbate public anxiety and misunderstanding about AI technology.

BACKGROUND

4. AI technology is already playing a significant role in our lives, from healthcare to transportation to finance, among others. While AI has immense potential, it also raises serious ethical and safety concerns.
5. **PUBLIC CONCERNS:** There is an increasing public apprehension about the unchecked use of AI technology. An open dialogue with the public is crucial to address these concerns.
6. **TRANSPARENCY AND TRUST:** Proactively communicating our intention to regulate AI will demonstrate our commitment to transparency and help in establishing trust between the government and the public.
7. **ENGAGEMENT:** Public communication will not only inform but also engage the citizens in discussions about AI and its societal implications, helping to create more comprehensive and inclusive policies.
8. **BALANCING INNOVATION AND ETHICS:** By communicating our intent to strike a balance between encouraging AI innovation and ensuring ethical use, we can alleviate fears of stifling technological progress.

9. Public communication at this juncture will ensure that our citizens are informed, their concerns are addressed, and their inputs are considered in our policy-making process.

CLEARANCE LIST

Team	Clearance necessary?	Named lead who has cleared
SCS	Mandatory	Sir Winston Radcliffe
Perm Sec	No	
Second Perm Sec	No	
Communications (inc named Press Officer)	Yes	Lara Chambers
Finance/Fiscal Events	No	
HR	No	
Legal	No	
Parliamentary Unit	No	
Devolution	No	
Analysis	No	
HMTC	No	
Other	No	