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Dear Lord Effingham,

I committed to writing to you in response to your question during Oral Questions on 7 July regarding the UK choosing not to sign the Paris AI declaration.

The UK agreed with much of the Leaders' Declaration and continues to work closely with our international partners on AI matters. This is reflected in our signing of agreements at the Summit on sustainability and cybersecurity. However, we felt the declaration did not provide enough practical clarity on global governance, nor sufficiently address harder questions around national security and the challenge AI poses to it. Security remains a vital part of AI's future and we look forward to continued discussions in this area.

We are clear in our ambition to bring forward AI legislation. This will allow us to safely realise the enormous benefits and opportunities of the technology for years to come. We are committed to working closely with our international partners on AI and are clear that legislation must fit within a broader global approach to AI security.

As we continue to refine our proposals, we will ensure they are designed to promote interoperability, incentivise innovation, minimise burden on businesses, and cement our position as one of the world's leaders in AI security.

I hope this response is helpful in answering your question and I will deposit a copy of this letter in the Libraries of both Houses.

With best wishes,

Baroness Twycross  
**Minister for Gambling and Heritage**