Bletchley Declaration on AI Safety

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Summary

First multilateral consensus on frontier-AI safety risks. 28 signatories including US, EU, China. Introduced the policy vocabulary of 'frontier AI' that later instruments adopted. Non-binding but precedent-setting; spawned the AI Safety Institute network. Currency (2026-06-21): launched a biennial summit chain — Seoul (May 2024), Paris (Feb 2025, US/UK declined to sign), and the New Delhi Declaration on AI Impact (Feb 2026, 89 signatories) — progressively shifting the global framing from safety/risk toward impact; the gov.uk text remains in force and was updated 13 Feb 2025 to add New Zealand as a signatory.

DRIFT-WATCH CORRECTION (2026-07-17, /wiki/drift.json): dates were 2023-11-02 — WRONG (a longstanding catalog inaccuracy, not a real-world change). GOV.UK's content API gives first_published_at 2023-11-01; the change history's earliest entry is "1 November 2023 First published"; schema.org datePublished is 2023-11-01. The likely cause: reading the title's summit RANGE ("1-2 November 2023") as an adoption date — the declaration was agreed on day one. Status in_force AFFIRMED (empty withdrawn_notice; Seoul/Paris build on it rather than replace it). Source: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ai-safety-summit-2023-the-bletchley-declaration

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