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AGENDA: REGULATING AI TO PREVENT DIGITAL COLONIALISM

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has the power to transform economies, healthcare, education, and governance worldwide. However, Malaysia expresses deep concern over the rising threat of digital colonialism—where advanced nations and tech giants dominate AI development and control access to critical technologies, data, and infrastructure. This imbalance can lead to exploitation of developing nations, creating digital dependency and undermining national sovereignty. Malaysia believes that without proper regulation, AI could widen the technological divide and reinforce global inequalities.

As a developing nation with growing digital capabilities, Malaysia emphasizes the importance of fair and inclusive AI governance. We advocate for an international framework that promotes ethical use of AI, respects data sovereignty, and prevents monopolization by a few powerful actors. Malaysia supports multilateral cooperation where all countries—regardless of economic status—have a voice in shaping the future of AI. We also recognize the need for transparency in AI systems, ensuring that they are free from bias and harmful manipulation.

Malaysia calls for the establishment of a United Nations-led global code of conduct on AI, focused on equitable access, data protection, and capacity building for developing countries. We also support investment in AI education, infrastructure, and research partnerships that empower nations in the Global South. Additionally, open-source AI tools and cross-border knowledge sharing can help bridge the digital divide and promote sustainable innovation.

In conclusion, Malaysia believes that regulating AI is not just a technological necessity, but a moral responsibility. We must work together to create a future where AI empowers all nations equally, not just the privileged few. Digital colonialism must be actively prevented through inclusive dialogue, responsible regulation, and global solidarity.

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