### Readout From the Inaugural Meeting of the Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence

**WASHINGTON** – This afternoon, The White House hosted the first meeting of the Interagency Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence (AI), which was announced at the White House AI for American Industry Summit on May 10.

The Select Committee was established under the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) and is comprised of the most senior research and development (R&D) officials in the Federal Government. The committee is co-chaired by Deputy Assistant to the President for Technology Policy Michael Kratsios, National Science Foundation (NSF) Director Dr. France Córdova, and Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Director Dr. Steven Walker. The Select Committee is chartered to advise The White House on interagency AI R&D priorities and improve the coordination of Federal AI efforts to ensure continued U.S. leadership in this field.

> "Earlier this year when my office proposed a Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence, made up of the senior-most leaders from our Nation's most important science agencies, the response I heard was one united in support of the idea," said Michael Kratsios, welcoming the committee to the meeting. "There's tremendous energy within our agencies, and across the highest levels of The White House, to further our support for AI research and development to improve the lives of the American people."

At the meeting, the Select Committee discussed policies to prioritize AI research, better leverage Federal data and computing resources for the AI research community, and train the next generation of American AI researchers. The Select Committee discussed its overall scope and the ways it would work with and provide guidance to other AI-focused groups within the NSTC, such as the Subcommittee on Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence, and the newly established AI Interagency Working Group of the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Program.

Senior R&D officials from across the Federal government also highlighted their respective AI-related activities and programs. Notable announcements included the Department of Energy's launch earlier this month of the AI-optimized Summit supercomputer, the most powerful supercomputer in the world and tailor-made for AI applications; the Deputy Secretary of Defense directed the DoD Chief Information Officer to standup the Joint Artificial Intelligence Center (JAIC) in order to enable teams across DoD to swiftly deliver new AI-enabled capabilities and effectively experiment with new operating concepts in support of DoD's military missions and business functions; and a new collaboration between DARPA and NSF on fundamental AI research to catalyze advances in real-time machine learning.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the co-chairs of the Select Committee issued the following joint statement:

> Artificial intelligence has tremendous potential to benefit the American people, and continued U.S. leadership in AI is critical to our national security and economic competitiveness. Advances in AI are rapidly transforming nearly all aspects of our economic and occupational landscape, including how we navigate around our cities, manufacture goods and services, grow and distribute our food, respond to disasters and emergencies, conduct financial transactions, treat and prevent disease, and keep our nation safe. Delivering these benefits will require sustained Federal investment in AI research and a continued pipeline of technical talent. Over the coming months, our Select Committee looks forward to working with the broader AI research community to ensure that the United States remains the global leader in artificial intelligence.

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