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Dear Members of the G-20 Digital Economy Task Force (DETF),

We write to you regarding the 2021 G20 under the Italian Presidency. The CAIDP advises national governments and international organizations regarding artificial intelligence and digital policy.

First, we express our support for the work of the G20 in the field of AI policy. We have followed closely the outcomes of the summits in Buenos Aires (2018), Osaka (2019), and Riyadh (2020). We recognize the important contributions of the G20, including (1) the establishment of the G20 AI Guidelines (based on the OECD AI Principles), (2) the endorsement of Digital Free Flow with Trust (the initiative of Prime Minister Abe), (3) the DETF report on National Examples for AI (prepared in 2020), and (4) the G20 Leaders Statements which have repeatedly emphasized human-centric and trustworthy AI.

Second, we recommend that the G20 endorse “red lines” for certain AI deployments that violate fundamental freedoms. These systems are contrary to the goals of human-centric and trustworthy AI, and will likely provoke further negative responses. We note that more than 100 Members of the European Parliament, across the political parties, recently endorsed red lines on uses of AI that compromise fundamental rights.

We also urge the G20 to focus on fairness, accountability, and transparency for all AI systems, particularly for public services. The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe has this week adopted a Declaration emphasizing the importance of protecting human rights, including social rights, in the context of AI systems deployed by public authorities.

Finally, we offer our assistance for the work of the DETF and the G20. We have recently completed an extensive review of the AI policies and practices of national governments. Our report *Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Values* provides specific guidance to countries and international organizations with the aim of ensuring the adoption of best practices.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations.

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