

## An unholy alliance

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As the [Guardian](#) has reported today:

*The US and the UK have refused to sign the Paris AI summit's declaration on "inclusive and sustainable" artificial intelligence, in a blow to hopes for a concerted approach to developing and regulating the technology.*

They added:

*The two countries did not immediately explain their reasons for not adding their names to a document backed by 60 signatories on Tuesday, including China, India, Japan, Australia and Canada.*

*The UK prime minister's official spokesperson said France was one of the UK's closest partners in AI, but the government would "only ever sign up to initiatives that are in UK national interests".*

It is hard to avoid three thoughts.

The first is that Starmer was pandering to Trump.

The second is that sustainability is not now seen as being in the UK's national interests.

The third is that Starmer, like Trump, thinks that national growth is going to be based on non-cooperation.

Is there an unholy and potentially deeply harmful alliance developing between the UK and the USA? I hope not, but suspect it is.