Statement on Collaboration for Modern, Independent, and Researcher-Led AI in the Czech Republic and Europe

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Artificial Intelligence is today rapidly driving change across every domain of human activity, challenging societies and institutions to evolve and adapt.

Tomáš Mikolov and the AI4REASON Institute share a common interest in advancing open, researcher-led, cutting-edge research in Artificial Intelligence in the Czech Republic, Europe, and around the world.

This collaboration is driven by our joint belief that the future of AI research in Europe critically depends on a new generation of agile and efficiently governed institutes led by competent AI researchers. The AI4REASON Institute aims to pioneer this model in the Czech Republic by creating an environment with minimal bureaucracy, where leading scientists can focus on innovation, pursue ambitious ideas with agility and without excessive administrative hurdles, and attract further top AI talent.

To mark the beginning of this collaboration, Tomáš Mikolov has today made an unrestricted gift of 20,000 USD to the AI4REASON Institute. This contribution represents a donation toward AI-related research activities within the institute and expresses a shared commitment to exploring new ideas in learning, reasoning, and general artificial intelligence.

Both sides look forward to developing this cooperation further — through research efforts and initiatives that advance the frontiers of AI.

We are sincerely grateful for this generous support and for the opportunity to contribute to a more dynamic and forward-looking research culture for AI in the Czech Republic and Europe.

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