San Francisco Declaration on AI Supply Chains

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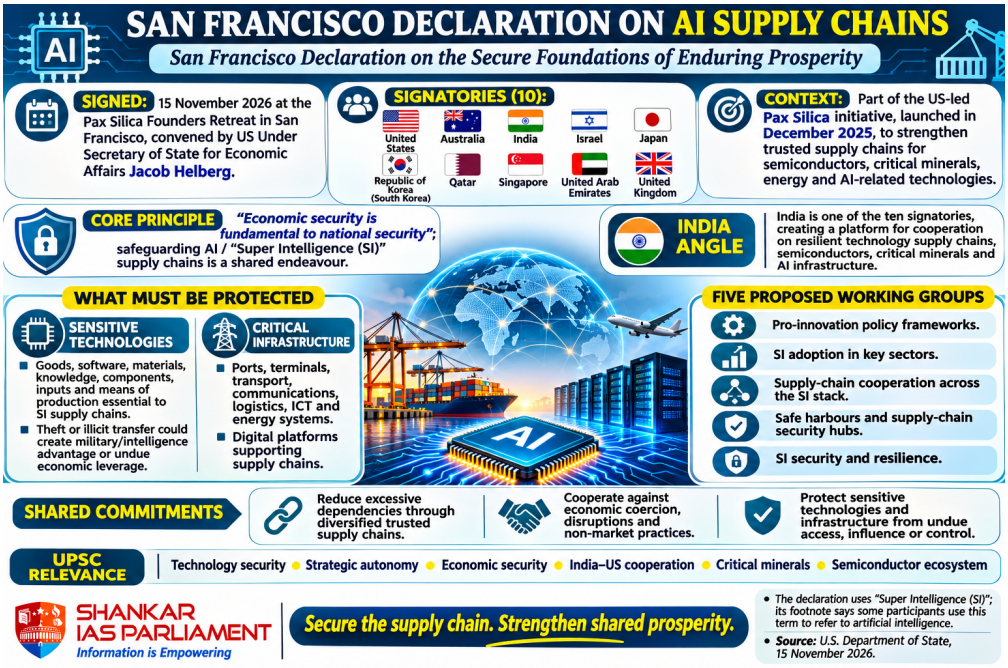
*The **San Francisco Declaration**—formally titled the Declaration on Secure Foundations of Enduring Prosperity—is an international agreement signed on November 15, 2026, by 10 countries to jointly protect critical artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure and supply chains.*

Convened in San Francisco by U.S. Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs Jacob Helberg under the U.S.-led **Pax Silica** initiative, the pact treats economic security as foundational to national security.

- **Background**
- **Pax Silica Initiative–** Launched by the United States in December 2025 to strengthen supply chains for silicon, critical minerals, semiconductors, and advanced computing infrastructure.
- **Terminology–** Following a U.S. executive order signed by President Donald Trump renaming AI as "Super Intelligence" (SI), the declaration uses **SI** to describe the sensitive technologies and compute infrastructure requiring joint protection.
- **Signatories**
- **Ten Founding Countries–** Australia, India, Israel, Japan, Qatar, Singapore, South Korea, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
- **Key Objectives & Scope**
- **Full-Stack Protection–** Covers the entire AI/SI supply chain, including critical minerals, semiconductors, computing infrastructure, energy networks, advanced manufacturing, and logistics.
- **Resilience Against Coercion–** Aims to reduce over-reliance on vulnerable or non-market suppliers, counter economic coercion and market distortions, and build trusted ecosystems for private investment and research.
- **Shared Security–** Frames safeguarding critical technology and infrastructure as a collective responsibility among trusted partners amid intensifying global tech competition, particularly with China.
- **Five Proposed Working Groups –** To turn principles into action, the declaration proposes establishing five working groups–
  - **Pro-innovation policy frameworks**
  - **SI adoption in key sectors**
  - **Supply-chain cooperation** across the SI stack

- **Safe harbours and supply-chain security hubs**
- **SI security and resilience**



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