

Statement following the remarks of US CTO

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Huawei statement following the remarks of Michael Kratsios, the Chief Technology Officer to US President Donald Trump, at the Web Summit in Lisbon (7 November 2019)

We utterly reject the false claims against Huawei by Michael Kratsios, the Chief Technology Officer to US President Donald Trump, today at the Web Summit in Lisbon. Singling out Huawei, Mr Kratsios repeated a number of allegations that were hypocritical and manifestly false.

- 1) Huawei is a 100% private company exclusively owned by its employees.
- 2) Huawei did not control data at the African Union headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The solutions provided to the AU were controlled, managed and operated by the organisation's IT staff and Huawei had no access to AU data. Leaders of the AU rejected claims that Huawei was involved in any cyber security breach. Furthermore, similar false claims were rejected in a recent court action in Lithuania, where the [court described them as 'unsubstantiated allegations'](#).

3) Cybersecurity and privacy protection are and will remain Huawei's top priorities. In its 32 year history there has been not one single case of Huawei equipment being involved in a serious cyber security breach.

In contrast to what Mr. Kratsios says, what the US current administration is doing is an insult to European core values, and will result in slowing down Europe in its ambition to become a global hub of innovation.

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