

TOLERANCE OF U.S. TREATMENT OF HUAWEI SENDS DANGEROUS SIGNAL

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(Brussels - 23 August, 2019) If the rest of the world continues to turn the other cheek to the US Government's treatment of Huawei, it will send a dangerous signal, the company said on the eve of the G7 Summit in Biarritz which starts on Saturday 24 August.

"The United States has restricted Huawei because it wants to continue to be dominant in the hi-tech industry," said Abraham Liu, Huawei's Chief Representative to the EU Institutions. "If the global marketplace continues to allow the US to behave in any way it likes, it is sending a very dangerous signal. The whole world may gradually move from an orderly check-and-balance system to a riot of uncertainty, irrationality and chaos."

Huawei continues, meanwhile, to strengthen its cooperation with governments, mobile operators and local industrial partners all over the world, including Europe, despite the attempts of the Trump administration to undermine Huawei's contribution to 5G deployment.

Mr Liu continued: "I am sure that Huawei and Europe will continue to strengthen

their cooperation not just here, but worldwide, and make their own efforts count towards the building of a prosperous digital ecosystem.”

“A market has to be made up of choices,” he said. “If just one player has the exclusive right to speak, then this is not a fair choice for everyone. Huawei has always believed in an open and balanced ecosystem. Only this can promote the vigorous and effective and continuous development of industry.”

Mr Liu was speaking at a press conference in Brussels today, following the launch in China of Huawei’s new Ascend 910 artificial intelligence (AI) chipset, the fastest machine “training” device to enter the AI market. Huawei also released MindSpore, a new open-source AI computing framework to support the chip. Ascend delivers twice as much computing power as the best AI chip currently available on the market and increases the speed of model training by 50 to 100%.

"We have been making steady progress since we announced our AI strategy in October last year," said Eric Xu, Huawei's Rotating Chairman, at the Shenzhen launch. "Everything is moving forward according to plan, from R&D to product launch. We promised a full-stack, all-scenario AI portfolio. And today we delivered, with the release of Ascend 910 and MindSpore. This also marks a new stage in Huawei's AI strategy.”

Meanwhile, Mark Smitham, Senior Manager for Huawei’s EU Public Affairs office, said in Brussels that the company would continue to build trust-based relationships with partners, in order to enable the Intelligent World and create opportunities for all.

"Huawei has an unblemished cybersecurity record,” he said. “And yet, in over 30 years of operations, Huawei has probably been the most scrutinised of all companies.”

“We need an inclusive approach for a healthy and competitive market that can deliver sustainable economic growth and bring real benefits to people and society at large. Together, we can pass the benefits of digital technology to everyone,” Mr Smitham added.

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Huawei is a leading global provider of information and communications technology

(ICT) infrastructure and smart devices. With integrated solutions across four key domains - telecom networks, IT, smart devices and cloud services - Huawei is committed to bringing digital to every person, home and organisation for a fully connected, intelligent world.

Huawei's end-to-end portfolio of products, solutions and services is both competitive and secure. Through open collaboration with ecosystem partners, Huawei creates lasting value for our customers, working to empower people, enrich home life and inspire innovation in organisations of all shapes and sizes.

At Huawei, innovation focuses on customer needs. Huawei invests heavily in basic research, concentrating on the technological breakthroughs that drive the world forward. Huawei has more than 180,000 employees and operates in over 170 countries and regions. Founded in 1987, Huawei is a private company fully owned by its employees.

In Europe, Huawei currently employs over 13,000 staff and runs two regional offices and 18 R&D sites. So far, Huawei has established 240 technical cooperation projects and partnered with over 150 universities across Europe.

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