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## 5 THINGS YOU MISSED FROM NSI'S EVENT

### Huawei and ZTE: Countering a Hostile Foreign Threat



#### 1. ZTE and Huawei remain security threats.

The panel agreed that since the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence released its report on Huawei and ZTE in 2012, the two Chinese telecommunication giants have remained national security threats and have made leading the deployment of 5G networks globally a priority.

#### 2. U.S. response to date.

The 2019 NDAA banned Huawei and ZTE technology from federal government and contractor systems and the FCC recently proposed a rule to exclude companies that buy Huawei and ZTE from certain funding programs.

#### 3. DoJ indictments.

On January 28, 2019, the U.S. Department of Justice released two scathing indictments against Huawei, charging the company with intellectual property theft and violations of Iran sanctions.

#### 4. Pending executive order.

In the coming weeks, it is expected that the administration will use the International Emergency Economic Powers Act to release an executive order that designates Huawei and ZTE as national security threats and bans imports of their products.

#### 5. NSI's Huawei and ZTE report.

NSI's recent report by NSI fellows Bryan Smith and Andy Keiser recommend that the Department of Commerce initiate an investigation under Section 212 of the Trade Expansion Act and that Huawei and ZTE representatives in the U.S. should register as 'foreign agents' under FARA.

## KEYNOTES

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