

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Taking into account that secure fifth generation wireless communications networks (5G) will be vital to both prosperity and national security in the near future, the Government of Romania and the Government of the United States of America declare their desire to strengthen our cooperation on 5G. 5G will enable a vast array of new applications, including the provision of critical services to the public, which will benefit our citizens and our economies. Increased amounts of data on 5G networks will further interconnect the economies of all countries, including the United States and Romania and facilitate cross-border services and commerce. Protecting these next generation communications networks from disruption or manipulation and ensuring the privacy and individual liberties of the citizens of the United States, Romania, and other countries is of vital importance.

Therefore, the Government of Romania and the Government of the United States of America endorse the Prague Proposals, the Chair's statement from the Prague 5G Security Conference, as an important step toward developing a common approach to 5G network security and ensuring a secure and vibrant 5G ecosystem. The Prague Proposals emphasize the need for 5G networks to be constructed based on free and fair competition, transparency, and the rule of law.

The Government of Romania and the Government of the United States of America note that as part of a risk-based security approach, careful and complete evaluation of 5G vendors is necessary. We believe that all countries must ensure that only trusted and reliable vendors are used in order to protect our networks from unauthorized access or interference. A rigorous evaluation of vendors should include the following elements:

- 1) Whether the vendor is subject, without independent judicial review, to control by a foreign government
- 2) Whether the vendor has a transparent ownership structure, and
- 3) Whether the vendor has a history of ethical corporate behavior and is subject to a legal regime that enforces transparent corporate practices

Signed at Washington on August 20, 2019, in duplicate, in the English and Romanian languages.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA

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