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## FRANCE'S INCOHERENT CHINA POLICY CONFUSES PARTNERS

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On 21 July 2020, French Minister of Economy and Finance Bruno Le Maire participated remotely in the High Level Economic and Financial Dialogue with Chinese Vice Premier Hu Chunhua. The two parties agreed to encourage the businesses of each country to participate in the creation of 5G networks in line with market and security principles.

It seems the French market plans to remain open to Huawei. The head of the French National Cybersecurity Agency Guillaume Poupard said as much when he confirmed the next day that there would be no blanket ban on Huawei equipment in the French 5G network.

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