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As the Czech Republic, we would like to emphasize the importance of our long-standing trade relations with China. While we believe this relationship is valued by the Czech government, we closely follow China's technological advancements in the developing world. While we are not opposed to any country's technological advancements, we must acknowledge that the Czech people are disturbed by some of China's initiatives.

We would like to express our concern about the recent deterioration of relations with the Public Republic of China. The activities of Chinese technology companies such as Huawei and ZTE in the Czech Republic have sparked discussions regarding security. These discussions are about protection of personal data. The Czech Cyber Security Council has assessed these companies as risky for critical infrastructure. Collaboration with Chinese companies, particularly on 5G infrastructure, is considered controversial. Some Czech institutions are keeping their distance from this cooperation due to security concerns.

While Czech-China relations are complex, sometimes cooperative and sometimes competitive, strategically, as the Czech Republic is a member of the EU and NATO, alignment with the European Union's common security and economic policies is crucial in relations with China. The strong bond between the two countries, based on cultural and academic interactions, should also be evident in their sensitivity to technological advancements. The Chinese government should be more transparent on this issue for the sake of global security. We have no doubt that these developments will be carried out in a way that benefits humanity.