Plenary Session #2, May 20, 2019
Summary of Discussion and Conclusions

Commissioners were briefed on U.S. Government policies and perspectives, from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the National Security Council, and the Defense Department’s Office of Net Assessment. In addition, each of the Commission’s four Working Groups briefed the full Commission on progress to date -- covering AI research, national security applications, workforce development, and international competition and cooperation.

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Commissioners identified several related efforts to track:

Commission staff will:

Next Steps:

- Working Groups will continue the assessment phase.
- Working Groups will begin to collect preliminary recommendations for action in the Interim Report.

Attachments

TAB 2. OSTP briefing slides

TAB 3. Staff slides on alternative AI definitions

TAB 4. Article by Liza Tobin on China and global governance