

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, reserving the right to object.

I have a simpler solution here, and I have already mentioned it.

The White House has denied my ability to meet with one Ninth Circuit judge who just got confirmed. Let me meet with the next two, and then we will UC these. We will UC these nominees whom Senator WHITEHOUSE has been trying to move forward tonight.

I also want to mention to my colleague from Rhode Island that I am certainly more than amenable to working with him on a principle that, I think, all Senators should agree on—all of us—to strengthen this institution, whether you are a Democrat, a Republican. That is this simple idea, which I thought existed here because I have certainly been able to do it: If a judge is up for confirmation, a circuit judge, and if you are a Senator representing one of the States in the circuit and that judge is going to have enormous power over your constituents for life, we should, as a general rule, as a general principle, say always: Of course, you get to meet with that judge. Of course, you can do your constitutional advice and consent duty.

I would be for it for any Democrat who wants it if there is a Republican. Again, I talked to some folks from the Trump administration today. They said that they always offered that. So maybe there is a misunderstanding. I don't want to say that my Senate colleague from Rhode Island is not right or those guys. I don't know. That is what they mentioned to me.

I just think, as a principle, every Senator here should agree with it. Why wouldn't you want to do that?

Like I said, until today, I have met with every single Ninth Circuit judge whom we voted on in my entire career here. Now, it has been a relatively short career, but this is really important to the people I represent because that court is really important to the people I represent. The Ninth Circuit so frequently gets the law wrong as it relates to Alaska, and it negatively impacts my constituents. This is important.

So I object to this date certain request, but as I mentioned, if I can meet with these—two more—Ninth Circuit judges, Senator WHITEHOUSE can come down here and UC these two Court of Federal Claims judges, and I think he can move it. It is a real simple ask.

And the fact that the White House Counsel hasn't even called me back—a U.S. Senator trying to do his constitutional duty, advice and consent of the Senate? The Senator from Rhode Island and I are of the Senate.

So why don't we work on this principle that, if there is a nominee, a circuit judge nominee, and if a Senator from a State in that circuit wants to meet with that nominee—to do his constitutional duty—that we should all agree to do that no matter who is in the White House. I would agree to that principle in a heartbeat.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The Senator from Rhode Island.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I think we have concluded this matter for the evening, and I am sorry that it has ended this way because Mr. Bonilla and Ms. Lerner are essentially collateral damage in a fight that does not involve the Court of Federal Claims at all. This involves a dispute between the Senator from Alaska and the White House, whom I do not direct and whom I do not speak for.

Instead of keeping it within the confines of the Ninth Circuit, it has now spilled over to the Court of Federal Claims, and these two completely unrelated individuals are continuing to have their lives interfered with by being kept in the traffic jam for a principle that, in my view, was never followed in the previous administration. I mean, for Pete's sake, if they were not going to even let us have our official time with a circuit court judge, the idea that we were going to get private meetings is, I think, imaginative in the extreme.

I just regret that it has come to this pass. I regret that we are at 159 obstructed nominees backed up. I regret that we have been forced to file cloture twice as much as that first group of Trump's nominees, in his first year—and there were some real beauties there, I have got to tell you.

With that, I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. SMITH). The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

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Hon. ROBERT MENENDEZ,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 21-63, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Greece for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$6.9 billion. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

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Acting Director.

Enclosures.

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(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Greece.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment\* \$5.4 billion.

Other \$1.5 billion.

Total \$6.9 billion.

Funding Source: National Funds

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Four (4) Multi-Mission Surface Combatant (MMSC) Ships.

Five (5) COMBATSS-21 Combat Management Systems (4 installed, 1 spare).

Five (5) Vertical Launch Systems (VLS), MK 41 (4 installed, 1 spare; 8 cells per set).

Two hundred (200) Rolling Airframe Missiles (RAM) BLK 2 (84 installed, 10 test and training rounds, 106 spares).

Five (5) MK 49 Guided Missile Launcher Systems (4 installed, 1 spare).

Eight (8) RAM BLK 2 Telemetry Missiles.

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(iv) Military Department: Navy (GR-P-SCM).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: December 10, 2021.

\*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Greece—Multi-Mission Surface Combatant (Hellenic Future Frigate (HF2))

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This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO ally, which is an important partner for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Greece's capability to meet current and future threats by providing an effective combatant deterrent capability to protect maritime interests and infrastructure in support of its strategic location on NATO's southern flank. This acquisition, which will be awarded to the winner of an international competition for Hellenic Navy (HN) frigate modernization, will enhance stability and maritime security in the Eastern Mediterranean region and contribute to security and strategic objectives of NATO and the United States. Greece contributes to NATO operations in Kosovo, as well as to counterterrorism and counter-piracy maritime efforts. Greece will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and services into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be Lockheed Martin of Bethesda, MD. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of approximately 8 additional U.S. Government and 22 U.S. contractor representatives to Greece to support engineering and logistics support for the production and integration of Hellenic Future Frigates into the Hellenic Navy Fleet.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Multi-Mission Surface Combatant Ships (MMSC) or Hellenic Future Frigate

(HF2), a derivative of the Freedom variant of the USN Littoral Combat Ship, will provide Greece with an effective combatant deterrent capability to protect maritime interests and infrastructure. The sensitive technologies include:

a. COMBATSS-21 is the ship's battle management system, which is produced by Lockheed Martin and derived from the USN's latest AEGIS combat management system. The COMBATSS-21 Combat Management System is the backbone of the Freedom-variant self-defense suite and integrates the radar, electro-optical infrared cameras, gun fire control system, countermeasures and short-range anti-air missiles. COMBATSS-21 provides a flexible, reliable next generation defense system.

b. TRS-4D radar is a three-dimensional, air volume surveillance radar with fast target alert, which provides target designation to the combat management system for anti-air warfare (AAW) and anti-surface warfare (ASuW). The TRS-4D radar is manufactured by Hensoldt, a German company. It provides sensor support for surface gun fire control with splash detection, ship-controlled helicopter approach support, jammer detection, tracking and suppression, cued search with enhanced detection performance for a dedicated sector, cued track with high-accuracy target tracking for missile guidance, target classification, integrated IFF, and is integrated with the combat management system. The system is available internationally through Hensoldt.

c. MK-41 Vertical Launch System (VLS) is a multi-cell, vertical missile launcher that accommodates multiple VLS-capable missiles, including CAMP, CAMP-ER and the Vertical Launch Anti-Submarine Rocket (ASROC) (VLA) Lightweight Torpedo. Each HF2 will be configured for eight (8) VLS tactical length cells, delivering up to thirty-two (32) quad-pack missiles, with an additional three (3) single VLS cells for a total of eleven (11) cells per ship. VLS exchanges guidance data with COMBATSS-21.

d. Common Anti-Air Modular Missile (CAMP) is designed to counter highly sophisticated sea skimming anti-ship cruise missiles. It incorporates inertial navigation with uplink/downlink and active RF final homing that requires no target illumination. Sea Ceptor controls missile targeting and flight profiles before launch through to termination. CAMP are quad-packed and could be configured for a thirty-two (32)-missile ship loadout. CAMP is available internationally from MBDA. The CAMP system exchanges guidance data between Sea Ceptor and COMBATSS-21.

e. Common Anti-Air Modular Missile-Extended Range (CAMP-ER) also counters highly sophisticated sea skimming anti-ship cruise missiles with additional range compared to CAMP. It incorporates inertial navigation with uplink/downlink and active RF final homing that requires no target illumination. Sea Ceptor controls missile targeting and flight profiles before launch through to termination. CAMP-ER are quad-packed and could be configured for a thirty-two (32)-missile ship loadout. CAMP-ER is available internationally from MBDA. The CAMP-ER system exchanges guidance data between Sea Ceptor and COMBATSS-21.

f. Vertical Launch Anti-Submarine Rocket (ASROC) missile (VLA) is an all-weather, 360-degree quick-reaction, standoff anti-submarine weapon. VLA are fired from VLS with support from the SQQ-89 ASW combat system. Guidance data is exchanged with COMBATSS-21.

g. The MK 54 All Up Round Lightweight (LWT) Torpedo is a conventional torpedo that can be launched from surface ships, rotary and fixed wing aircraft. The MK 54 is an upgrade to the MK 46 Torpedo. The upgrade

to the MK 54 entails replacement of the torpedo's sonar, guidance and control systems with modern technology. The new guidance and control system uses a mixture of commercial-off-the-shelf and custom-built electronics. The warhead, fuel tank and propulsion system from the MK 46 torpedo are reused in the MK 54 configuration with minor modifications. Greece has not requested, nor will it be provided with the source code for MK 54 operational software.

h. MK 46 LWT Upgrade to MK 54 LWT. All MK 54 LWTs are produced by converting a MK 46 LWT and installing a MK 54 LWT upgrade kit. MK 46 LWT and MK 54 LWT programs have many common components; however, the majority of the MK 54 LWT is assembled with new production hardware.

i. Naval Strike Missile (NSM), RGM-184B, is an anti-ship cruise missile that provides anti-surface, over-the-horizon engagement capability against small-to-medium sized vessels. NSM incorporates an Intelligent Imaging Infrared (I3R) Seeker and Automatic Target Recognition (ATR). NSM is available internationally from Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace (KDA)—partnered with Raytheon. NSM telemetry missiles will also be procured for testing. NSM will not be integrated with COMBATSS-21.

j. The 76mm OTO STRALES gun is a multi-mission, rapid-fire naval gun for primary defense against air and surface threats and for employment in naval fire support missions. The 76mm OTO STRALES provides an accurate, sustained rate of fire of 1 to 120 rounds per minute, and is capable against subsonic, anti-ship missiles. OTO STRALES includes a radio frequency guidance system that increases system accuracy. The 76mm gun is available internationally from Leonardo/OTO Melara; STRALES from Leonardo. The 76mm gun is connected to the fire control radar and gun computer system, which is, in turn, connected to COMBATSS-21.

k. The medium-to-long range fire-control radar system interfaces with the gun computer system and COMBATSS-21.

l. The gun computer system directs the actions of the ship's main gun battery and receives orders for engagement and firing authorization from the Combat Management System. The gun computer system takes target data from ship sensors for air and surface targets, or operator-entered data for targets ashore, and calculates ballistic solutions and outputs gun positioning orders, ammunition loading and firing orders for the mount.

m. Infrared Search and Track (IRST) is a 360-degree, panoramic, day and night, passive air and surface surveillance system. The IRST system provides long-range detection with tracking of conventional, asymmetric and emerging threats.

n. The 20mm Narwhal gun system is a gyro-stabilized mount armed with a 20mm automatic cannon, an electro-optic, charge-coupled device camera, and a closed loop, fire-control system, which can be controlled remotely to enable system operation, target acquisition and tracking, and fire opening by the gun operator. Optional add-ons include a thermal camera, laser rangefinder and target automatic tracking video system. The 20mm gun has a rate of fire of 800 rounds per minute of NATO standard ammunition and is produced by the French Government-owned Nexter Systems. The Narwhal gun will not be integrated with COMBATSS-21.

o. The 7.62mm M240B Machine Gun is an air-cooled, belt-fed and gas-operated weapon.

p. The M2A1 .50 Caliber Machine Gun is an air-cooled, belt-fed machine gun that fires from a closed bolt, operated on the short recoil principle.

q. Rolling Airframe Missile (RAM) BLK 2 is a lightweight, quick-reaction, fire-and-forget

missile designed to destroy anti-ship cruise missiles and asymmetric air and surface threats. The BLK 2 provides kinematic and guidance improvements for countering maneuvering and low probability of intercept threats. RAM missiles are launched from the MK 49 Guided Missile Launcher System (GMLS). No shipboard support is required after shipboard launch. RAM telemetry missiles will also be procured for testing.

r. MK 49 GMLS is used to deploy RAM.

s. Low Frequency Active Towed Sonar (LFATS) is a low frequency, variable depth sonar used to detect, track and engage submarines. LFATS incorporates active and passive processing with 360-degree coverage. The VDS-100 system is designed for high performance at a lower operating frequency for improved performance.

t. Compact Low Frequency Active Passive Variable Depth Sonar-2 (CAPTAS-2) is a key sensor technology for identifying conventional, diesel-powered submarines operating in difficult sonar environments, such as littoral waters. CAPTAS-2 employs a single winch to tow the transmit tow body and receiver array.

u. The NIXIE SLQ-25 Surface Ship Torpedo Defense System is a digitally controlled, electro-acoustic, soft kill countermeasure decoy system capable of countering wake homing torpedoes, acoustic homing torpedoes, and wire guided torpedoes. NIXIE provides active/passive detection, location, threat identification of torpedoes and other acoustic targets. NIXIE's towed body, the decoy which diverts the threat from the ship, connects to the management system using a fiber optic cable to control the signals emitted by the decoy.

v. Sylena MK 2 Decoy Launching System with CANTO is a torpedo countermeasure. The Sylena MK 2 launches the CANTO decoy, which generates a high-level, 360-degree acoustic signal to jam the full frequency range of an attacking torpedo. Sylena MK 2 is available internationally from Lacroix; CANTO from Naval Group. The Sylena MK 2 decoy launching system and CANTO decoy will exchange data with COMBATSS-21.

w. Elta Electronic Warfare (EW) suite provides Radar Electronic Support Measures (RESM), Communications Electronic Support Measures (CESM), and Electronic Countermeasures (ECM) with Counter-Unmanned Aerial System capability. The Elta EW suite is available internationally through ELTA Systems, a subsidiary of Israel Aerospace Industries. The Elta EW suite will exchange data with COMBATSS-21.

x. Naval Laser-Warning System (NLWS) provides real time situational awareness of laser-based threats to enhance the tactical picture. NLWS interfaces with the ship's CMS, electronic support measures and the onboard countermeasure system. NLWS is available internationally from SAAB.

y. Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) Mode 5 is an identification system designed for command and control. It enables military and national (civilian air traffic control) interrogation systems to identify aircraft, vehicles or forces as friendly. Mode 5 provides a cryptographically secured version of Mode S and ADS-8 GPS position.

z. AN/ARC-210 GEN 6 (RT-2036(C)) version is a radio that provides two-way, multi-mode voice and data communications with military aircraft over Very High Frequency (VHF) and Ultra High Frequency (UHF) range using U.S. Type 1 encryption. ARC-210 radios contain embedded sensitive encryption algorithms, keying material and integrated waveforms.

aa. SY-117G is a combat manpack radio with Type 1 encryption for secure voice communication. In the HF2 configuration, the radio will be used for interoperable, secure

Satellite Communications (SATCOM). The SY-117G COMSEC device is a Controlled Cryptographic Item (CCI).

bb. SY-150 is a combat manpack radio with Type 1 encryption. The SY-150 COMSEC device is CCI.

cc. KYV-5M supports tactical secure voice communications. The KYV-5M COMSEC device is CCI.

dd. Air Defense Systems Integrator (ADSI) is a tactical command and control system that integrates land, air and sea domains to report real-time sensor information across the battlespace.

ee. The AN/SRQ-4 provides the Tactical Common Data Link (TCDL) to serve COMBATSS-21 for command and control (C2) functions for radar, FLIR, and ESM data. Also, as the TCDL terminal on the ship, the AN/SRQ-4 exchanges the classified acoustic data with AN/SQQ-89 for real-time shipboard processing of MH-60R deployed sonobuoys, increased sonobuoy processing, updated sonobuoy control and increased ASW tracks. The AN/SQQ-89 accepts MH-60R ASW data and processes the data shipboard as a coordinated tactical ASW picture with the Variable Depth Sonar. ASW Operators, at AN/SQQ-89 consoles, analyze classified data and integrate with COMBATSS-21 to provide full implementation and access to the capabilities of the MH-60R. The MH-60R Multi-Mission Helicopters, procured by the Hellenic Navy under a separate FMS case, introduce dipping sonar, upgraded radar, electronic warfare, weapons including MK 54 torpedoes and external command and control systems. With the MH-60R comes the need for a Ku-Band Common Data Link via a shipboard AN/SRQ-4 Radio Terminal System to support the high data rate requirements associated with systems onboard the aircraft.

ff. The Battlefield Information Collection and Exploitation System (BICES) is a web-enabled, multi-national intelligence system that provides near real-time, correlated, situation and order of battle information.

gg. Global Command and Control System-Joint (GCCS-J) is a command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence system consisting of hardware, software (commercial-off-the-shelf and government-off-the-shelf), procedures, standards, and interfaces that provide an integrated near real-time picture of the battlespace necessary to conduct joint and multinational operations. For the HF2 configuration, GCCS-J will use Type 1 encryption.

hh. Defense Advance GPS Receiver (DAGR) provides secure, military Selective Availability/Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM)-based GPS in the most reliable and proven handheld form available today. It is a military-grade, dual-frequency receiver, and has the security hardware necessary to decode encrypted P(Y)-code GPS signals. Features include: graphical screen, with the ability to overlay map images, 12-channel continuous satellite tracking for "all-in-view" operation, simultaneous L1/L2 dual frequency GPS signal reception, extended performance in a diverse jamming environment, and SAASM compatibility.

ii. Improved Point Detection System-Lifecycle Replacement (IPDS-LR) is a ship-based Chemical Warfare Agent (CWA) detector designed for chemical detection of chemical warfare agent vapors onboard navy ships. The detector units have special interference rejection built into the detection algorithm and meets specifications for false alarm thresholds with sensitivity requirements. The sampling system includes specially designed sampling lines, filters, and bulkhead adapters to operate in marine environments.

jj. Enhanced Maritime Biological Detection (EMBD) is an automated biological

point detection and identification system that provides near real time biological detection, warning, and presumptive identification against Biological Warfare Agents (BWAs). EMBD will provide an early indication that a BWA attack has occurred and provide identification information allowing ship commanding officers to select from an array of countermeasures that can prevent or limit exposure to the ship and other ships in the naval task force.

kk. Link 16 is an advanced command, control, communications, and intelligence (C3I) system incorporating high capacity, jam-resistant, digital communication links for exchange of near real-time tactical information, including both data and voice, among air, ground, and sea elements. It provides the warfighter key theater functions such as surveillance, identification, air control, weapons engagement coordination, and direction for all services and allied forces. With modernized cryptography, Link 16 will ensure interoperability into the future.

2. The highest overall level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness, or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that Greece can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Greece.

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO § 620C(D) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED**

Pursuant to Section 620C(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the Act), Executive Order 12163, State Department Delegation of Authority No. 293-2, and State Department Delegation of Authority 510; I hereby certify that the furnishing to Greece of Multi-Mission Surface Combatant ships and related equipment is consistent with the principles contained in Section 620C(b) of the Act.

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BONNIE JENKINS,

*Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security.*

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Major Defense Equipment (MDE):  
Eight (8) Close in Weapon Systems (CIWS) Phalanx BLK 1B Baseline 2 Upgrade Kits.

Four (4) MK 45, 5" 54 Caliber Gun Overhauls.

Four (4) MK 49 Guided Missile Launcher Systems.

Four (4) COMBATSS-21 Combat Management Systems.

Four (4) AN/SQS-56 Sonar Overhauls.

Non-MDE: Also included is the repair and/or upgrade of existing systems; ordnance; testing; training; systems integration; follow-on technical support; acquisition, upgrades, and overhaul of Narwhal 20A Gun System; Sylena MK 2 Decoy Launching System with CANTO torpedo countermeasure; Radar/Fire Control TRS-4D; Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) Mode 5; NIXIE SLQ-25 Surface Ship Torpedo Defense System; Helicopter Handling System (Repairs); Defense Advance GPS Receiver (DAGR); Gun Computer System (GCS); Low Frequency Active Towed Sonar (LFATS); Compact Low Frequency Active Passive Variable Depth Sonar-2 (CAPTAS-2); Infrared Search & Track System (IRST); Elta Electronic Warfare (EW), with C-ESM, R-ESM, and ECM capability; Naval Laser-Warning System (NLWS); 7 meter Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB); SQQ-89 ASW System; Fire Control Radar System; Improved Point Detection

System-Lifecycle Replacement (IPDS-LR); Enhanced Maritime Biological Detection (EMBD), as well as significant Hull, Mechanical and Electrical upgrades, replacements, and repairs; support and test equipment; spare and repair parts; communications equipment, including Link 16 communications equipment; Battlefield Information Collection and Exploitation System (BICES); AN/SRQ-4 Tactical Common Datalink (TCDL); Global Command and Control System-Joint (GCCS-J); Air Defense Systems Integrator (ADSI); cryptographic equipment including SY-150, SY117G, and KYV-5M; software delivery and support; publications and technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, systems integration, technical, and logistics support services; test and trials support; studies and surveys; and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (GR-P-LJO).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: December 10, 2021.

\*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

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