

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I neglected to introduce one of my colleagues to the Senate, Ms. Jess Andrews, who was just here. She is my communications director, and she helped me research my remarks, and I wanted to thank her.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. OSSOFF. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.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. OSSOFF. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for 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

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN,  
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. 24-40, concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Denmark for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$215.5 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MIKE MILLER

(For James A. Hursch, Director).

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-40

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Denmark.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment \* \$190.6 million.

Other \$24.9 million.

Total \$215.5 million.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Eighty-four (84) AIM-120C-8 Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM).

Three (3) AIM-120 Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) guidance sections.

Non-MDE: Also included is the following non-MDE: spare AMRAAM control sections; containers and support equipment; munitions support and support equipment; spare parts, consumables, accessories, and repair and return support; weapons software and support equipment; classified software delivery and support; transportation support; classified publications and technical documentation; studies and surveys; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (DE-D-YAB, DE-D-YAC).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: DE-D-YAO.

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

(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: June 7, 2024.

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

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Denmark—AIM-120C-8 Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles

The Government of Denmark has requested to buy eighty-four (84) AIM-120C-8 Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM) and three (3) AIM-120 AMRAAM guidance sections. Also included is the following non-MDE: spare AMRAAM control sections; containers and support equipment; munitions support and support equipment; spare parts, consumables, accessories, and repair and return support; weapons software and support equipment; classified software delivery and support; transportation support; classified publications and technical documentation; studies and surveys; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$215.5 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Denmark's capability to meet current and future threats by ensuring it has modern, capable air-to-air munitions. The sale will further advance the already high level of Danish Air Force interoperability with U.S. Joint Forces and other regional and NATO forces. Denmark already has AMRAAM in its inventory and will have no difficulty absorbing these articles 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 RTX Corporation, located in Tucson, AZ. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Denmark.

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

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Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The AIM-120C-8 Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) is a supersonic, air-launched, aerial intercept guided missile featuring digital technology and microminiature solid-state electronics. AMRAAM capabilities include look-down/shoot-down, multiple launches against multiple targets, resistance to electronic countermeasures, and interception of high and low-flying and maneuvering targets. This potential sale will include AMRAAM guidance sections, control sections, warhead spares, and containers.

2. The highest 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 Denmark 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 Denmark.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

### RECOGNIZING DETAILS FLOWERS

• Ms. ERNST. Madam President, as ranking member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Details Flowers of Sac City, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Since 2000, Cheryl Gerry has shared her passion for floristry and design with the Sac City community through her small business, Details Flowers, which provides in-home visits for floral design, wedding services, and home decor to customers.

Cheryl studied horticulture with a focus on floriculture at Iowa Lakes Community College and dedicated 21 years to working at Marjo's Flowers in Sac City before launching her own business 24 years ago with just two employees and a delivery driver.

In 2005, Details Flowers moved to a larger location on Main Street in Sac City. Cheryl and her team brought their creative vision to life and fully displayed their work by transforming the store into a stunning showroom. All their products are customizable and tailored to meet the needs of each client, creating a personal relationship between Details Flowers and their customers.

The business is constantly adapting to incorporate current trends, seasons, and, most importantly, Cheryl's creative spirit. Details Flowers won the Business of the Year Award from the Sac City Chamber for several years. In November 2023, Cheryl and her team were also honored as the Sac City Chamber Business of the Month.

For more than 20 years, Details Flowers has been actively involved in the Sac City community. In 2020, the business sponsored the Sac City Scoop the Loop food pantry donation drive. Details Flowers is also a proud member of the Sac City Chamber of Commerce and partners with the chamber to visit nursing and assisted living homes on Mother's and Father's Day, spreading joy and ensuring no one is left without a beautiful flower arrangement.

Details Flowers' commitment to providing quality floristry, decor, and long-lasting memories is clear. I want to congratulate Cheryl Gerry and the entire team at Details Flowers for their continued dedication to the Sac City community. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.●

#### REMEMBERING RASHEED A. MALIK

● Mr. Kaine. Madam President, I rise today to honor the life of Rasheed A. Malik. He was a champion in the field of childcare and a devoted community leader.

Rasheed was an accomplished policy researcher and the senior director of Early Childhood Policy at the Center for American Progress. His work focused on childcare infrastructure and supply, the economic benefits of childcare, and bias and discrimination in early childhood policy. His landmark analysis identifying "childcare deserts" across the country advanced the Nation's understanding of the childcare crisis and drove policy action at the national, State, and local levels.

He testified before Congress several times to advance knowledge and understanding of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the childcare sector, the importance of increased investments in early childhood education, and the merits of comprehensive legislation to address the childcare crisis. Malik's research has been featured in the New York Times, Vox, the Washington Post, NPR, Slate, CNN Business, and CNBC, among others.

Before joining the Center for American Progress, Malik was a government affairs and communications associate

for the Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance, which aims to make the New York Harbor a shared, resilient, and accessible resource for all New Yorkers. He received his master's degree in public policy from the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree in public affairs from Baruch College.

Above all, Rasheed was a beloved husband, father, friend, and colleague. He was known for his warmth, generosity, and willingness to support others. I am grateful for his service. He will be dearly missed, and I wish the best to his family.●

#### TRIBUTE TO STELLA WHITNEY-WEST

● Ms. Klobuchar. Madam President, I rise to pay tribute to Stella Whitney-West, a mother, grandmother, public health champion, mentor, and leader in Minneapolis. Ms. Whitney-West is retiring from her role as chief executive officer of NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center which, under her leadership, has become a strong and financially stable primary care institution that has improved the lives of thousands of Minneapolis families.

After graduating from the University of Minnesota with a degree in biology and earning her MBA at the University of Saint Thomas, Ms. Whitney-West began her career as a public health specialist serving organizations in the Twin Cities before becoming director at the Minneapolis Urban League.

In 2004, Ms. Whitney-West joined NorthPoint as chief operating officer of Human Services and was named CEO three years later. With her at the helm, NorthPoint transformed from a struggling health center losing \$2 million a year to North Minneapolis' foremost provider of health and wellness services for underserved families. Her leadership has been honored with several awards, including a Bush Leadership Fellowship, the International Black Women's Congress Community Service Award, and the 2021 Minneapolis Saint Paul Business Journal Women in Business Award.

NorthPoint has been a pillar of North Minneapolis since 1968 and today serves over 30,000 residents, guided by its mission of "Partnering to Create a Healthier Community." The Center improves the whole health of North Minneapolis residents. As a Federally Qualified Health Center, NorthPoint is also a certified Health Care Home and Ryan White HIV/AIDS clinic. NorthPoint is administered through a partnership between Hennepin County and a community board of directors composed of patients and professionals who live and work in the community NorthPoint serves. The center provides comprehensive medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, laboratory, lactation consultant, and radiology care as well as numerous human service programs. These programs include a

community food shelf with culturally-relevant food, the African-American Men's Project, and a partnership with the Minnesota Department of Health to reduce Black maternal health disparities. The Northpoint Whole Family Systems Initiative focuses on providing culturally responsive perinatal care.

Under Ms. Whitney-West's leadership over the last two decades, NorthPoint has made lasting strides in public health. During her tenure, vaccination and cancer screening rates for Black, Latino, and Asian Americans in North Minneapolis have more than doubled to nearly 80 percent. Today, all patients—regardless of what brings them into the clinic—receive complimentary depression and dental screenings. And Ms. Whitney-West's work has touched lives beyond those the clinic treats; thanks to her advocacy, lead paint was safely removed from neighborhood homes.

Recently, I was able to attend the grand opening ceremony for NorthPoint's new 135,000-square-foot facility. With this expansion, NorthPoint will add new space for patients and clients while employing over 400 people and providing new economic opportunities through public-private partnerships. The expansion will include a new child wellness center, an exercise studio for city residents, an expanded food shelf, and access to new dental specialty services. The success of this project is a testament to Ms. Whitney-West's leadership.

Ms. Whitney-West exemplifies servant leadership, both through her work at NorthPoint and for organizations across Minneapolis. She is an active volunteer with Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, where she is devoted to mentoring the next generation of Black women leaders. In addition, she serves on the boards of organizations including the Twin Cities LISC advisory board, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Ninth District Advisory Council, PennPlymouth Partnership, Love Minneapolis board, Community Resiliency and Recovery Advisors, and the Minneapolis Inclusive Economic Recovery Work Group. She has previously held positions for the MNsure Advisory Task Force, Minnesota Tobacco Control Advisory Committee, One Minnesota Transition Advisory Board, and Stratis Health Board of Advisors.

I thank Ms. Whitney-West for her decades of leadership and service to Minnesota and wish her all the best in her much-deserved retirement.●

#### TRIBUTE TO STELLA WHITNEY-WEST

● Ms. Smith. Madam President, I wish to congratulate Ms. Stella Whitney-West on her illustrious career and much-deserved retirement from NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center in Minneapolis, MN. Ms. Whitney-West will retire from NorthPoint on June 30 after 20 years with the organization, having served as CEO since 2007. Under her leadership, NorthPoint has evolved