

to worker safety has established industry standards that other organizations strive to emulate, all while advocating tirelessly for fair wages, benefits, and working conditions. The legacy of Local 598 demonstrates that when workers unite, their advocacy benefits not only themselves and their families, but also their broader community.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to Local 598 for 80 years of unwavering service and commitment to excellence. I look forward to continuing to work alongside them to advance labor rights, safety standards, and the dignity of work in our great Nation.

#### ARMS SALES NOTIFICATIONS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. 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.

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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)(5)(A) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 0N-24. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 19-11 of April 15, 2019.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,  
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 0N-24

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(A), AECA)

(i) Purchaser: Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) in the United States.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 19-11, Date: April 15, 2019; Implementing Agency: Air Force.

(iii) Description: On April 15, 2019, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 19-11 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of the continuation of a pilot training program and maintenance/logistics support for F-16 aircraft then at Luke

Air Force Base, Arizona, to include flight training; participation in U.S. Government approved training exercises; inert/dummy training munitions; supply and maintenance support; spares and repair parts; support equipment; U.S. Government program management; publications; documentation; personnel training and training equipment; fuel and fueling services; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of program and logistical support necessary to sustain a long-term CONUS training program. The estimated total value was \$500 million. There was no Major Defense Equipment (MDE) associated with this sale.

This transmittal reports the inclusion of the following MDE items: seventy-two (72) MAU-209 Computer Control Groups (CCG) for practice GBU-12 Paveway II; seventy-two (72) MXU-650 Air Foil Groups (AFG) for practice GBU-12 Paveway II; thirty-six (36) KMU-572 Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) guidance kits for practice GBU-38; and eighteen (18) MK-82 inert filled bomb bodies. The following non-MDE items will also be included: practice bombs; DSU-38 Laser Illuminated Target Detectors for practice GBU-54 Laser JDAM; AN/PYQ-10 Simple Key Loaders; and classified software delivery and support. The estimated total value of the new items is \$7.1 million. These additions will result in an estimated \$2.7 million MDE value, and an increase to the non-MDE value by \$4.4 million. This will not cause an increase to the estimated previously notified value, which will remain at \$500 million.

(iv) Significance: The additional MDE was not enumerated in the original notification, so represents an increase in capability. The proposed sale will support the recipient to develop mission-ready and experienced pilots through CONUS training.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security and defensive capability of the recipient, which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The Paveway II is a maneuverable, free-fall Laser Guided Bomb (LGB) that guides to laser energy reflected off the target. The LGB is delivered like a normal general purpose (GP) warhead, but the semi-active laser guidance corrects many of the normal errors inherent in any delivery system. The GBU-12 consists of a 500-pound live or practice bomb body fitted with the MAU-169 or MAU-209 Computer Control Group and MXU-650 Air Foil Group to guide the LGB to its laser designated target.

Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) consist of a live or inert bomb body paired with a warhead-specific tail kit containing an Inertial Navigation System (INS)/Global Positioning System (GPS) guidance (EGI) capability that converts unguided free-fall bombs into accurate, adverse weather "smart" JDAMs. The practice GBU-38 is a 500-pound JDAM, consisting of a KMU-572 paired with an inert bomb body. The inclusion of a DSU-38 converts a practice GBU-38 JDAM into a practice GBU-54 Laser JDAM by adding a precision laser guidance capability. This provides the optional capability to strike moving targets.

The MK-82 Inert Filled Bomb is a 500-pound, free-fall, unguided, low-drag, inert weapon used for integration testing and training. It has no explosive fill.

The AN/PYQ-10 Simple Key Loader is a handheld device used for securely receiving, storing, and transferring data between compatible cryptographic and communications equipment.

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

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: November 29, 2024.

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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. 24-103, concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$320 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,  
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-103

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: Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO).

(ii) Total Estimated Value:  
Major Defense Equipment \* \$0 million.  
Other \$320 million.  
Total \$320 million.

Funding Source: National Funds.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):  
None.

Non-Major Defense Equipment: Critical spare and repair parts, consumables and accessories, and repair and return support for F-16 aircraft; Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radar spare parts and support; 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 (TW-D-QCC).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: TW-D-MBM.

(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: None.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: November 29, 2024.

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

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States—Spare Parts and Support for F-16 Aircraft and Active Electronically Scanned Array Radars

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) has requested to buy critical spare and repair parts, consumables and accessories, and repair and return support for F-16 aircraft; Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radar spare parts and support; 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 \$320 million.

This proposed sale is consistent with U.S. law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and to maintain a credible defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

The proposed sale will improve the recipient's ability to meet current and future threats by maintaining the operational readiness of the recipient's fleet of F-16 aircraft. The recipient will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

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

This equipment will be transferred from U.S. Government stock. 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 the recipient.

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

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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. 24-112, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$65 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,  
Director.

Enclosures.

#### TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-112

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: Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO).

(ii) Total Estimated Value:  
Major Defense Equipment \$0.  
Other \$65 million.  
Total \$65 million.

Funding Source: National Funds.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: Foreign Military Sales (FMS) case TW-B-ZCW was below congressional notification threshold at \$41.6 million (\$0 in MDE) in value and included services related to Improved Mobile Subscriber Equipment (IMSE) and Experimental Force (EXFOR) system follow-on support, including repair and return of equipment; management, replacement, and repair services; U.S. Government liaison support; contract engineering and technical support; logistics; contractor operation and management of the OCONUS Depot, including repair and replacement; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The recipient has requested that the case be amended to extend these services for an additional two years. This amendment will cause the case to exceed the notification threshold, and thus notification of the entire program is required. The above notification requirements are combined as follows:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.

Non-Major Defense Equipment: Services related to Improved Mobile Subscriber Equipment (IMSE) and Experimental Force (EXFOR) system follow-on support, including repair and return of equipment; management, replacement and repair services; U.S. Government liaison support; contract engineering and technical support; logistics; contractor operation and management of the OCONUS depot, including repair and replacement; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (TW-B-ZCW).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: TW-B-ZCS.

(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: None.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: November 29, 2024.

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

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States—Improved Mobile Subscriber Equipment Follow-On Support

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) has requested to buy extended services provided under a previously implemented case whose value was under the congressional notification threshold. The original Foreign Military Sales (FMS) case, valued at \$41.6 million (\$0 in MDE), included services related to follow-on support for the Improved Mobile Subscriber Equipment (IMSE) and Experimental Force (EXFOR) system, including repair and return of equipment; management, replacement, and repair services; U.S. Government liaison support; contract engineering and technical support; logistics; contractor operation and management of the OCONUS depot, including repair and replacement; and other related elements of logistics and program support. This notification is for an extension of those same services for an additional two years. The estimated total cost is \$65 million.

This proposed sale is consistent with U.S. law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and to maintain a credible defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

The proposed sale will improve the recipient's ability to meet current and future threats. The recipient will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment 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 General Dynamics Mission Systems, located in Fairfax, VA. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of U.S. Government representatives; however, it will require the assignment of three contractor Technical Assistance Representatives (TAR) to the recipient to support equipment fielding and training.

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

#### TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-112

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

#### Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Improved Mobile Subscriber Equipment (IMSE) system is an area-switched communications system designed to provide mobile and secure communications in a variety of battlefield and military operations other than war (MOOTW) situations.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is CONTROLLED UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION.

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