United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Madam Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles in the amount of $50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the transfer of technical data, defense services, and hardware to support the Proton launch of the SIRIUS-5 Commercial Communication Satellite from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable
Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.