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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of major defense equipment (MDE) and associated technical data, defense services, and defense articles in the amount of \$25,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export to the Commonwealth of Australia of defense services and defense articles, including technical data, to support the export, combat system integration, upgrade, qualification support, operational training, and organizational and intermediate level maintenance training for the Phalanx Close-In Weapon System Block 1A through Block 1B Baseline Weapon Systems.

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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Enclosure:

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The Honorable
John F. Kerry, Chairman,
Committee on Foreign Relations,
United States Senate.