



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to Sections 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed amendment to a technical assistance agreement for the manufacture and the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to France, Italy, Belgium and Spain for the design, manufacture and delivery of Satellite Subsystems On-Board Processors for the Iridium NEXT program.

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. This notification should not be interpreted as the Department's conclusion that the applicant or any manufacturer, supplier or vendor or other entity related to it has not violated any of the statutes enumerated at 22 U.S.C. 2778(g) with respect to this or other related transactions. The Department reserves its ability to approve or deny this transaction.

Enclosure:

Transmittal No. DDTC 11-024

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