



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 to include the export of defense articles, to include technical data, and defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the transfer of defense articles, to include technical data, and defense services to support the Proton launch of the W3D Commercial Communication Satellites 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. 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 11-100

The Honorable

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