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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Turkey—Patriot Missile System and Related Support and Equipment

Turkey has requested the possible sale of four (4) AN/MPQ-65 Radar Sets, four (4) Engagement Control Stations, ten (10) Antenna Mast Groups (AMGs), twenty (20) M903 Launching Stations, eighty (80) Patriot MIM-104E Guidance Enhanced Missiles (GEM-T) missiles with canisters, sixty (60) PAC-3 Missile Segment Enhancement (MSE) missiles, and five (5) Electrical Power Plant (EPP) III. Also included with this request are communications equipment, tools and test equipment, range and test programs, support equipment, prime movers, generators, publications and technical documentation, training equipment, spare and repair parts, personnel training, Technical Assistance Field Team (TAFT), U.S. Government and contractor technical, engineering, and logistics support services, Systems Integration and Checkout (SICO), field office support, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated program cost is \$3.5 billion.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the security of a key NATO Ally on the front lines of the fight against terrorism. Turkey is a member of and critical enabling platform for the Defeat-ISIS campaign and continues to be an essential element of our National Security Strategy and National Defense Strategy efforts to compete against great powers in both Europe and the Middle East. The TPY-2 radar site that Turkey hosts is important to the European Phased Adaptive Approach and to efforts to protect Allies and partners against growing Iranian ballistic missile threats. This sale is consistent with U.S. initiatives to provide key allies with modern systems capable of being networked to defend against regional instability. The proposed sale will enhance Turkey's interoperability with the United States and NATO, making it a more valuable partner in an increasingly important area of the world.

Turkey will use Patriot to improve its missile defense capability, defend its territorial integrity, and deter regional threats. The proposed sale will increase the defensive capabilities of the Turkey military to guard against hostile aggression and shield NATO Allies who might train and operate within Turkey's borders. Turkey should have no difficulty absorbing this system into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractors will be Raytheon Corporation in Andover, Massachusetts, and Lockheed-Martin in Dallas, Texas. The purchaser requested offsets. At this time offset agreements are undetermined and will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and contractors.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require approximately 25 U.S. Government and 40 contractor representatives to travel to Turkey for an extended period for equipment de-processing/fielding, system checkout, training, and technical and logistics support.

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 18-17

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 Patriot Air Defense System contains classified CONFIDENTIAL hardware components, SECRET tactical software and CRITICAL/SENSITIVE technology. Patriot ground support equipment and Patriot missile hardware contain CONFIDENTIAL components and the associated launcher hardware is UNCLASSIFIED. The items requested represent significant technological advances for Sweden Patriot. The Patriot Air Defense System continues to hold a significant technology lead over other surface-to-air missile systems in the world.

2. The Patriot sensitive/critical technology is primarily in the area of design and production know-how and primarily inherent in the design, development and/or manufacturing data related to certain components. The list of components is classified CONFIDENTIAL.

3. Information on system performance capabilities, effectiveness, survivability, missile seeker capabilities, select software/software documentation and test data are classified up to and including SECRET.

4. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems which might reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

5. A determination has been made that Turkey can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

6. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to Turkey.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO § 620C(D) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED

Pursuant to Section 620C(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the Act), Executive Order 12163 and State Department Delegation of Authority No. 293-2, I hereby certify that the furnishing to Turkey of four Patriot systems is consistent with the principles contained in Section 620C(b) of the Act.

This certification will be made part of the notification to Congress under Section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, regarding the proposed sale of the above-named articles and services and is based on the justification accompanying such notification, of which such justification constitutes a full explanation.

ANDREA THOMPSON,
Under Secretary of State.

CONFIRMATION OF JOSEPH MAGUIRE

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I wholeheartedly support the nomination of VADM Joseph Maguire to be the Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, NCTC. Had I been able to cast my vote today, it would have been to support this exceptional nominee.

The Director of the NCTC is one of the most important positions in the intelligence community, especially at

this critical juncture in our Nation's history. Admiral Maguire has a long and impressive record of achievement and of service to his country, and I applaud his willingness to once again return to public service after completing a Navy career that spanned 36 years, including as the commander of Naval Special Warfare Command.

The National Counterterrorism Center is the U.S. intelligence community's premier organization for tracking and countering the continuing threat from terrorism. Our country still has men and women on the frontlines in the fight against extremist groups, and they must get it right each hour of every day to ensure the safety and security of their fellow Americans.

As Admiral Maguire and I have discussed, our counterterrorism capabilities are greatly strengthened by our relationships with the allies and partners with whom we have fought shoulder-to-shoulder since September 11, 2001, in this struggle. This is why it is important for the United States to hold onto and strengthen our traditional alliances such as NATO—and not to heedlessly undermine them.

I am satisfied by the ironclad commitments Admiral Maguire gave to the Senate Intelligence Committee during his confirmation hearing to ensuring that the men and women serving under him will always be empowered to assess and analyze intelligence free from political interference. He has also committed to present these assessments to those in leadership positions free of any political considerations. In short, he has committed to “speak truth to power,” and I expect him to live up to these commitments.

This is especially important at a time when we have sometimes seen those in power unjustifiably belittle and denigrate our Intelligence Community and law enforcement agencies.

I trust that Admiral Maguire and those he leads at the NCTC will continue to selflessly work day and night—whether on the 24/7 watch floor or on the front lines, to protect the United States and our allies from the terrorist threat. I salute him for stepping up to this challenging task.

STRENGTHENING COASTAL COMMUNITIES ACT OF 2018

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, today the Senate passed H.R. 5787, the Strengthening Coastal Communities Act of 2018, by unanimous consent. This legislation adds new acres to the Coastal Barrier Resources System, which Congress established through bipartisan legislation in 1982.

I yield to my distinguished colleague, the Senator from Delaware, ranking member of the Environment and Public Works Committee.

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I thank my distinguished colleague, the Senator from Wyoming, chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee. The Coastal Barrier Resources