

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider the following nomination: Calendar No. 515, Cara L. Abercrombie to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense; that the Senate vote on the nomination without intervening action or debate; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KELLY). Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Cara L. Abercrombie, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Abercrombie nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 24-09, concerning the Navy's proposed Let-

ter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$75 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. HURSCH,  
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-09

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO).

(ii) Total Estimated Value:  
Major Defense Equipment \* \$0.  
Other \$75 million.  
Total \$75 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.

Non-MDE: Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Cross Domain Solutions (CDS); High Assurance Internet Protocol Encryptor (HAIPE) devices; Global Positioning System (GPS) receivers; communications equipment; requirements analysis; engineering; technical services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (TW-P-GQD).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: February 21, 2024.

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

## POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States—Taiwan Advanced Tactical Data Link System Upgrade Planning

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) has requested to buy Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Cross Domain Solutions (CDS); High Assurance devices; Global Positioning System (GPS) receivers; communications equipment; requirements analysis; engineering; technical services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$75 million.

This proposed sale is consistent with U.S. law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and maintain a credible defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

The proposed sale will improve the recipient's ability to meet current and future threats by enhancing communications and network security, and providing infrastructure to allow the secure flow of tactical information. The recipient will have no difficulty absorbing this support and equipment into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor(s) will be determined through U.S. Government competitive

processes. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require an estimated 200 U.S. Government personnel and 200 U.S. contractor representatives to travel to the recipient, as required, to provide engineering and technical support services as well as program and technical reviews.

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

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Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Cross Domain Solution (CDS) provides a gateway that allows for secure exchange of information between networks.

2. The High Assurance Internet Protocol Encryptor (HAIPE) devices provide a gateway that allows two enclaves to securely exchange data over a network.

3. The Global Positioning System (GPS) Precise Positioning System (PPS) Host Application Equipment (HAE) OPS/Inertial Navigation System (INS) with chipset to receive the M-code signal is a self-contained navigation system that provides the following: acceleration, velocity, position, attitude, platform azimuth, magnetic and true heading, altitude, body angular rates time tags, and coordinated universal time (UTC) synchronized time. The M-code chipset enables the GPS receiver access to the encrypted M-code signal providing protection against active spoofing attacks and improved jamming resistance.

4. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

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

6. A determination has been made that the recipient 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.

7. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the recipient.

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