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(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: December 5, 2023.

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 which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such 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. 23-52, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of the United Arab Emirates for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$85 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. HURSCHE,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 23-52

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: Government of the United Arab Emirates.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$45 million.

Other \$40 million.

Total \$85 million.

Funding Source: National Funds.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Eighteen (18) AN/TPQ-50 Radar Systems—Man Portable Version

Non-MDE: Also included are 107mm High Explosive (HE) rockets (for CONUS testing only); Computer Digital Military Laptop Radar Control Display units; 5kW Advanced Medium Mobile Power Source (AMMPS) Trailer-Mounted, Diesel Engine Driven Power Unit PU-2001; spares; mission equipment; communication and navigation equipment; support equipment; repair parts; special tools and test equipment; technical data and publications; site survey; U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics

personnel services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (AE-B-ZVL).

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

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

(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: December 4, 2023.

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

United Arab Emirates—AN/TPQ-50 Radar

The Government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has requested to buy eighteen (18) AN/TPQ-50 Radar Systems—man portable version. Also included are 107mm High Explosive (HE) rockets (for CONUS testing only); Computer Digital Military Laptop Radar Control Display units; 5kW Advanced Medium Mobile Power Source (AMMPS) Trailer-Mounted, Diesel Engine Driven Power Unit PU-2001; spares; mission equipment; communication and navigation equipment; support equipment; repair parts; special tools and test equipment; technical data and publications; site survey; U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$85 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of an important regional partner. The UAE is a vital U.S. partner for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale will support efforts to protect critical infrastructure and high value civilian assets, as well as military installations and forces from rocket, artillery, and mortar (RAM) and unmanned aerial system threats. It will also further enhance the United States—UAE relationship, both politically and militarily, while also increasing the UAE's effectiveness in executing military and civil defense operations that promote U.S. national interests. The UAE will use the TPQ-50 radars to recognize incoming threats from hostile nations or agents of adversary nations. The United Arab Emirates will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment and services 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 will be SRC Inc, Syracuse, NY. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the permanent assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the UAE. Temporary periods of travel for two-week durations for both U.S. Government and contractor personnel will be necessary to conduct Operator/Main-tainer training, as well as System Integration & Check Out (SICO)/Quality Assurance and Testing (QUAT) activities.

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 AN/TPQ-50 Radar System—man portable version—provides continuous 360-degree surveillance and 3-9D rocket, artillery, and mortar (RAM) locations using a L band non-rotating antenna with fixed elevation

beams and which is electronically steered in azimuth only. Its full azimuth coverage allows it to simultaneously detect and track multiple rounds fired from separate locations within a 700 square kilometer surveillance area. The AN/TPQ 50 radar provides Point of Origin (POO) and Point of Impact (POI) locations for hostile RAM fire and tracking of air breathing targets (ABTs) in air surveillance (AS) and multi-mission radar (MMR) modes.

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3. 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.

4. A determination has been made that the United Arab Emirates 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.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the United Arab Emirates.

WORLD AIDS DAY 2023

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, this past Friday, December 1, we marked the 35th anniversary of World AIDS Day. World AIDS Day serves as a reminder of the global struggle to end AIDS, an opportunity to honor those we have lost while supporting those who are living with or at risk of the HIV virus, and as a unifying call to continue working toward a day when HIV is no longer stigmatized or a public health threat.

Thirty-five years ago this year, World AIDS Day was established, marking the first international day for global health. Since then, World AIDS Day has adopted targeted themes to raise awareness and encourage international cooperation. This year's theme in the United States, "Remember and Commit," focuses on paying tribute to those we have lost to HIV/AIDS, emphasizing our collective responsibility to act. Through remembrance, we draw strength and determination to redouble our efforts in fighting this global crisis and support those living with HIV both here and abroad. The 2023 campaign reminds us that each one of us can make a difference while promoting the importance of compassion, empathy, and solidarity in the face of adversity. And it reminds us that as citizens of the world, the United States must continue to provide a helping hand to countries less fortunate than ours in bringing an end to the AIDS pandemic.

Since the first cases of AIDS were reported in the U.S. in June 1981, more than 700,000 people in the U.S. have died from HIV-related illnesses. In 2021, over 36,000 people were diagnosed with HIV in the U.S., and more than 1.1 million people in our country are currently living with this virus, with