DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Determination Pursuant to the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008, related to the Provision of Military Assistance in Support of a Southern Sudan Security Sector Transformation Program

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws of the United States, including Section 666(e) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (Div. J, Pub. L. 110–161) and Delegation of Authority 245, I hereby determine that the provision to the Government of Southern Sudan of non-lethal military assistance, military education and training, and defense services controlled under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations is in the national interest of the United States, and that such assistance may be provided pursuant to section 666(e).

This determination shall be transmitted to the Congress and published in the Federal Register.

Dated: May 9, 2008.
C. Miller Crouch,
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Wolodymyr Sulzynsky, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/453–8050). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA–44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547–0001.

Dated: May 9, 2008.

I. Flag State Implementation

The SHC’s Subcommittee on Flag State Implementation will conduct an open meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2008, in Room 2415 of the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20593. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 16th Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Sub-Committee on Flag State Implementation to be held at IMO Headquarters in London, United Kingdom from June 2 to June 6, 2008. The primary matters to be considered include:

—Responsibilities of Governments and measures to encourage flag State compliance;
—Port State Control (PSC) Guidelines on seafarers’ working hours;
—Harmonization of port State control activities;
—Comprehensive analysis of difficulties encountered in the implementation of IMO instruments;
—Mandatory reports under International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL 73/78);
—Casualty statistics and investigations;
—Review of the Code for the Implementation of Mandatory IMO Instruments;
—Review of the Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC)—resolution A.948(23);
—Development of guidelines on port State control under the 2004 Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention;
—Port reception facilities-related issues; and
—Consideration of International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) unified interpretations.

Interested persons may seek additional information by writing to Mr. E.J. Terminella, Commandant (CG–5432), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Room 1116, Washington, DC 20593–0001, by calling (202) 372–1239, or by e-mail.

II. IMO Administration and Budgeting: IMO Technical Cooperation

The SHC’s Subcommittee on IMO Administration and Budgeting and the SHC’s Subcommittee on IMO Technical Cooperation will conduct an open meeting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 in Room 4420, at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20593. The purpose of this meeting will be to finalize preparations for the 100th Session of IMO’s Council and the 58th Session of IMO’s Technical Co-Operation Committee.

The 100th Session of IMO’s Council is scheduled for 16–20 June, 2008 in London, United Kingdom. At the May 27th SHC subcommittee meeting, papers received and draft U.S. positions will be discussed. The Council items of interest include:

—Report of the Secretary-General on credentials;
—Strategy and planning;
—Program for change;
—Resource management;
—Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme;
—Protection of vital shipping lanes;
—Consideration of the report of the Marine Environment Protection Committee;
—Consideration of the report of the Maritime Safety Committee;
—Consideration of the report of the Technical Co-operation Committee;
—World Maritime University;
—IMO International Maritime Law Institute;