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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting herewith certification of a proposed Technical Assistance Agreement for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification concerns the Sea Launch joint venture, in which Norway, Ukraine, Russia and United Kingdom will also participate, to provide commercial space launch services for communications satellites from a modified oil platform in the Pacific Ocean.

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.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Guest
Acting Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

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The Honorable
J. Dennis Hastert,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.