



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 license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves ongoing activities associated with technical assistance agreements with Russia, Ukraine, Cayman Islands, and Norway beyond those addressed in DTC 16-97 dated July 25, 1997, DTC 6-99 dated April 16, 1999, DTC 124-99 dated November 10, 1999, DTC 026-00 dated May 19, 2000, and DTC 048-01 dated April 30, 2001, providing for the Sea Launch joint venture, in which Norway, Ukraine and Russia will 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul V. Kelly".

Paul V. Kelly
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

Transmittal No. DTC 23-02

The Honorable

J. Dennis Hastert,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.