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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA)—C-17 Maintenance

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Support and Procurement Agency as Lead Nation has requested to buy contractor logistics support for the C-17 Strategic Airlift Capability program; United States (U.S.) Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$150 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the U.S. by improving the security of NATO partners that are a force for political stability and economic progress in the North Atlantic region.

The proposed sale will improve NATO's capability to meet current and future threats by improving and maintaining a flexible strategic airlift capability. The multinational Heavy

Airlift Wing already has C-17s in its inventory and will have no difficulty absorbing these additional services into its armed services.

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

The principal contractor will be The Boeing Company, Arlington, VA. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to NATO.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 23-0Y]

Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Arms sales notice.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 36(b)(5)(C) arms sales notification is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated July 21, 1996. The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives with attached Transmittal 23-0Y.

Dated: December 17, 2024.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
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Washington, DC 20301-2800

December 18, 2023

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-209, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 23-0Y. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 23-53 of August 1, 2023.

Sincerely,

James A. Hursch
Director

Enclosure:

1. Transmittal

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Transmittal No. 23-0Y

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(B)(5)(C), AECA)

(i) *Purchaser:* Government of Finland

(ii) *Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.:* 23-53

Date: August 1, 2023

Implementing Agency: Army

(iii) *Description:* On August 1, 2023, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 23-53, of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of the M270A2 upgrade of M270A1 Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (MLRS). The upgrade includes intercom systems; radio communication mounts; machine gun mounts; battle

management system vehicle integration kit; publications for MLRS; spares; services; support equipment; and other related elements of program and logistics support. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$0 of this total.

This transmittal notifies an increase in non-MDE value by \$180 million, resulting in a new estimated non-MDE and overall total case value of \$575 million. There is no MDE included in this potential sale.

(iv) *Significance:* Recent cost increases have brought about the need to add value to the original notification. The upgraded M270A2 MLRS will give Finland additional advanced capability to address current and future regional threats; reinforcing its ability to maintain regional stability, increasing

Finland's security. The sale supports United States (U.S.) national security interests by bolstering the land defense in Europe's northern flank.

(v) *Justification:* This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the U.S. by improving the security of a North Atlantic Treaty Organization Ally that is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

(vi) *Sensitivity of Technology:* The Sensitivity of Technology statement contained in the original notification applies to items reported here.

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