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U.S. Department of Defense
1400 Defense Pentagon
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Secretary Michael R. Pompeo
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
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Dear Secretary Esper and Secretary Pompeo,

We are writing to express our serious concern about seven proposed arms sales that have been publicly noticed by the Defense Security Cooperation Agency between April 13, 2020 and May 8, 2020.¹

There are grave human rights concerns that should be taken into consideration with all seven proposed sales. In the cases of Egypt and India, there are also potential issues related to the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act. With the United Arab Emirates, there are serious allegations of end use monitoring violations and the possible use of U.S.-origin military equipment in violation of arms embargoes and both U.S. and international law in Yemen, Sudan, Syria, and Libya.

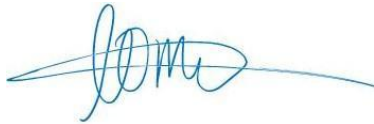
It is imperative that Congress is able to engage in its proper oversight role over these sales. As you are both well aware, the COVID-19 crisis has meant that both the House of Representatives and the Senate have spent long periods out of session, that regular committee business has not been possible, and that Members have not had access to classified materials or briefings that may help them understand these sales.

¹These are:

- The possible sale to India of sixteen MK 54 All Up Round Lightweight Torpedoes (LWT), three MK 54 All Up Exercise Torpedoes and related equipment noticed on April 13;
- The possible sale to India of ten AGM-84L Harpoon Block II air launched missiles and related equipment noticed on April 13;
- The possible sale to the Philippines of six AH-1Z attack helicopters and related equipment noticed on April 30;
- The possible sale to the Philippines of six AH-64E Apache attack helicopters and related equipment noticed on April 30;
- The possible sale to Egypt of equipment to refurbish 43 AH-64E Apache attack helicopters;
- The possible sale to the United Arab Emirates of up to 4,569 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicles noticed on May 7;
- The possible sale to Hungary of sixty AIM-120C-7/C-8 AMRAAM-ER missiles, and two spare AIM-120C-7/C-8 AMRAAM-ER guidance sections and related equipment noticed on May 8.

We request, therefore, at the earliest possible time, a briefing on the impetus for the above-mentioned sales, in a classified setting if necessary, to include explanations for the way the Administration plans to address human rights, CAATSA, and end use monitoring concerns. We additionally ask that you put these possible sales on hold until Congress has had the opportunity to review them carefully and thoroughly so that we may conduct our oversight role and consider legislative options.

Sincerely,



Ilhan Omar
Member of Congress

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