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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States—Aircraft Non-Standard Spare Parts

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) has requested to buy an expansion of the Cooperative Logistics Supply Support Arrangement for stock replenishment supply of non-standard spare parts, consumables, and accessories, and repair and replacement support for the F-16, C-130, Indigenous Defense Fighter (IDF), and all other aircraft and systems or subsystems of U.S. origin, as well as other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$98 million.

This proposed sale is consistent with U.S. law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to maintain a credible defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

The proposed sale will contribute to the sustainment of the recipient's aerial fleet, enhancing its ability to meet current and future threats while providing defensive and transport capabilities critical to regional security. The proposed sale will contribute to the recipient's goal of maintaining its military capability while further enhancing interoperability with the United States and other allies. The recipient will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment and support into its armed forces.

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

There are no principal contractors involved with this potential sale. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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

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

Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces (DAC-IPAD) will take place.

DATES: Tuesday, September 17, 2024—Open to the public from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. All times are Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

ADDRESSES: This meeting is being held virtually. For virtual access to the meeting, email your request along with your name and contact information to the DAC-IPAD public email at whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dacipad@mail.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dwight Sullivan, 703-695-1055 (Voice), dwight.h.sullivan.civ@mail.mil (Email). Mailing address is DACIPAD, One Liberty Center, 875 N Randolph Street, Suite 150, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Website: <https://dacipad.whs.mil/>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of chapter 10 of title 5 (formerly known as the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 or "FACA"), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 United States Code (U.S.C.) 552b, as amended), and 41 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 102-3.140 and 102-3.50.

Purpose of the Meeting: In section 546 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 (Public Law (Pub. L.) No. 113-291), as modified by section 537 of the NDAA for FY 2016 (Pub. L. 114-92), Congress tasked the DAC-IPAD to advise the Secretary of Defense on the investigation, prosecution, and defense of allegations of rape, sexual assault, and other sexual misconduct involving members of the Armed Forces. This will be the thirty-seventh public meeting held by the DAC-IPAD. For its first session, the DAC-IPAD will deliberate proposed findings and recommendations regarding provisions

under Article 6b, Uniform Code of Military Justice, for enforcing victims' rights. After lunch the DAC-IPAD will deliberate and discuss the DAC-IPAD's recent military installation site visits to identify possible areas of future studies. Next, the DAC-IPAD will hear comments from the public, then receive updates from the DAC-IPAD subcommittees. After a brief meeting wrap-up, the public meeting will adjourn.

Agenda:

12:00 p.m.–12:05 p.m. Welcome and Introduction to Public Meeting;

12:05 p.m.–1:15 p.m. DAC-IPAD Deliberations on Recommendations for Enforcing Victims' Article 6b Rights;

1:15 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Lunch;

2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. DAC-IPAD Deliberations on Emerging Issues Identified on Military Installation Site Visits;

3:00 p.m.–3:10 p.m. Break;

3:10 p.m.–3:30 p.m. DAC-IPAD Deliberations on Emerging Issues Identified on Military Installation Site Visits (continued);

3:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Public Comment;

4:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m. DAC-IPAD Subcommittee Updates and Meeting Wrap up;

4:30 p.m. Public Meeting Adjourned.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, this meeting is open to the public from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on September 17, 2024. All members of the public who wish to participate virtually must register by contacting DAC-IPAD at whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dacipad@mail.mil or by contacting Mr. Pete Yob at (703) 693-3857 no later than 11 a.m., Tuesday, September 17, 2024. Once registered, the web address and/or audio number will be provided.

Special Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact Mr. Pete Yob at (703) 693-3857 no later than September 10, 2024, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 5 U.S.C. 10(a)(3) of the FACA, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments to the DAC-IPAD about its mission and topics pertaining to this public session. Written comments must be received by the DAC-IPAD at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting date so that they may be made available to the DAC-IPAD members for their consideration prior to the meeting. Written comments not received by the DAC-IPAD at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting date, or after,

will be provided to the Chair of the DAC-IPAD for consideration. Written comments may be submitted via email to the DAC-IPAD at whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dacipad@mail.mil in the following formats: Adobe Acrobat or Microsoft Word. Written comments may also be mailed to the address listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please note that since the DAC-IPAD operates under the provisions of the FACA, all written comments received will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection.

Oral public comments: Individuals may submit a request to make an oral public comment at the September 17, 2024 meeting. Advance copy of oral public comments must be sent via email at whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dacipad@mail.mil with the subject line “DAC-IPAD: Request to Speak <insert the issue and question>” no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered for oral public comment but will be provided to the Chair of the DAC-IPAD for consideration. All submitted oral comments become government property and may be published as part of the meeting record. Registration for oral public comment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes or less per person. After the maximum number of speakers is exceeded, individuals registered to provide oral comment will be placed on a wait list and notified should an opening become available. Should time expire for oral public comments those not presented will be provided to the Chair of the DAC-IPAD for consideration. You will be notified via email no later than September 17, 2024 if you have been identified to provide in-person public comment.

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Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for Pacific Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Low Frequency Active Sonar Training and Testing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy (DoN), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality, the Department of the Navy (Navy) announces its intent to prepare the Pacific Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Low Frequency Active Sonar Training and Testing (PAC SURTASS LFA) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas EIS (SEIS/OEIS). The PAC SURTASS LFA SEIS/OEIS will include an analysis of training activities, as well as research, development, testing, and evaluation activities (hereafter referred to as “testing”) that will be conducted in the PAC SURTASS LFA Study Area. The Navy is initiating a 30-day public scoping process to receive comments on the scope of the SEIS/OEIS including identification of potential alternatives and environmental concerns, information and analyses relevant to the Proposed Action, and issues the public would like to see addressed in the SEIS/OEIS.

DATES: The 30-day public scoping period begins on August 21, 2024 and extends to September 19, 2024. Comments must be postmarked or submitted electronically via the website no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on September 19, 2024 for consideration in the Draft SEIS/OEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Pacific Fleet Command, Attn: Ms. Heather Paynter, Environmental Public Affairs Specialist, by telephone (808-471-3769) or email (CPF-Environmental-PA@us.navy.mil), or visit the project website: <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/surtass-lfa/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: SEIS-007-17-USN-1723661233. Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet is the Navy’s lead action proponent, with Naval Sea Systems Command acting as an additional Navy action proponent.

In continuance of the Navy’s commitment to responsible stewardship of the marine environment and building upon analyses and information included

in the Navy’s 2001 Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/OEIS, 2007 Final SEIS, 2012 Final SEIS/Supplemental OEIS (SOEIS), 2015 Final SEIS/SOEIS, and 2019 Final SEIS/SOEIS, the Navy intends to prepare an updated supplemental assessment of the environmental effects associated with the continued employment of SURTASS LFA sonar systems. The SEIS/OEIS and associated analysis will be used to support consultations associated with expiring regulatory permits and authorizations in 2026.

The PAC SURTASS LFA Study Area (hereafter referred to as the (“Study Area”)) is comprised of the western North Pacific and Indian Oceans. For the purposes of analyzing the impacts of SURTASS LFA sonar systems on marine mammals, fifteen representative locations were considered for acoustic modeling.

The Navy proposes to continue employing up to four SURTASS LFA sonar systems onboard U.S. Navy surveillance ships for routine training and testing in the Study Area with certain geographical restrictions and other preventive measures designed to mitigate adverse effects on the marine environment. As part of the SEIS/OEIS analyses, the Navy will continue to assess potential impacts of SURTASS LFA sonar systems to offshore biologically important areas (OBIsAs). Effectiveness of the mitigation measures that are the foundation of the Navy’s operation of SURTASS LFA sonar will also be re-assessed in the context of new technologies and methodologies as well as operational practicability.

The Navy has identified two preliminary action alternatives to carry forward for analysis in the SEIS/OEIS along with the No Action Alternative. Alternative 1 reflects the minimum number of SURTASS LFA sonar transmission hours per year needed to meet the Navy’s purpose and need, while Alternative 2 reflects the number of hours accounting for the possible need to deploy two additional SURTASS LFA-equipped vessels (increase from four vessels to six). As required by NEPA for the purpose of establishing a baseline for analysis, a No Action Alternative will be evaluated which represents a scenario where training and testing with SURTASS LFA sonar would not be conducted in the Study Area.

Environmental resources that are determined to be potentially affected are carried forward for full analysis. Resources to be evaluated include, but are not limited to, biological resources (including marine mammals, reptiles, fishes, and habitats), sediments and