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The United States has information indicating that the UAE-based firm Al Mutlaq Technology, including its senior management, is working with North Korea's primary arms exporter, the United Nations-designated Korea Mining Development Trading Corporation (KOMID) to acquire almost \$100 million in weapons. Al Mutlaq Technology has told KOMID that a three month timeline for delivery is too long and that it requires the goods urgently. We understand that a UAE national identified as Abdulrahman Baqer is playing a facilitating role in this transaction, including by seeking a vessel and/or charter aircraft to transport the goods in the immediate future.

Our information shows that Al Mutlaq requested a price quote from KOMID for a number of types of arms, including machine guns, rifles, and rockets.

While we lack information on the specific customer(s), we believe the customer(s) may be working through the UAE-based weapons trading entity International Golden Group.

We understand that Al Mutlaq and Abdulrahman Baqer have a very long history of dealing with North Korean arms trading firms like KOMID.

This information is of significant concern to the United States. United Nations Security Council resolutions (UNSCRs) prohibit North Korea from exporting any arms and related materiel, including small arms and light weapons. Further, since KOMID is designated (sanctioned) by the United Nations Security Council, all Member States – and individuals and entities within their jurisdictions – are prohibited from conducting any business with it, regardless of the nature.

As you know, North Korea relies on revenue from overseas arms sales like this to sustain and advance its nuclear and ballistic missile programs, which pose a threat to international peace and security as well as a direct threat to the United States and our allies in Asia.

The United States is closely monitoring North Korea's arms sales worldwide. So is the rest of the international community, as evidenced by recent public reports by the Panel of Experts (POE) established pursuant to Resolution 1874, international media coverage, and the early January designation of several North Korean arms brokers, including seven directly affiliated with KOMID, by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).

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As you are aware, procuring arms from North Korea or doing business with designated North Korean proliferators is sanctionable under multiple U.S. authorities. For instance, the U.S. State Department would be required to report Al Mutlaq Technology's receipt from North Korea of any goods, services, or technology listed by the multilateral nonproliferation control regimes, including the Wassenaar Arrangement which controls conventional weapons, to the U.S. Congress. Such transactions could trigger sanctions under the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act (INKSNA).

We urge you to take immediate and urgent steps to investigate and terminate any arms relationship between Abdulrahman Baqer and Al Mutlaq Trading and any North Korean entities, including KOMID. To assist your efforts, we are providing Abdulrahman Baqer's identifying information, including full name, passport, and birth date, and the contact information for Al Mutlaq Trading:

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This is an important and time sensitive matter. We ask that you act swiftly on this information and request that you share relevant findings with us so we can work together to prevent this transaction from occurring.

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