

## **Airbus response to BHRCC questionnaire Surveillance Equipment - Middle East /North Africa**

***Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, 7 July 2022***

*These questions relate to your provision of surveillance equipment in the context of migration and/ or border control. Please answer all questions and provide YES, NO or numerical answers where requested. We also welcome additional information and context.*

### **Supplying and distribution practices**

1. a. Does your company provide surveillance solutions, products, services or equipment to government clients in the Middle East and North Africa in the context of migration and/or border control? If so, please specify which products and which Middle Eastern & North African countries they are supplied to.

**Airbus has provided surveillance solutions to customers including in the Middle East and North Africa, for the purpose of, for example, border control and the prevention of illegal activities such as smuggling and trafficking.**

**Airbus does not produce surveillance equipment (cameras, radars etc).**

**For further information, see:**

**<https://www.airbus.com/en/our-worldwide-presence/airbus-in-africa-and-the-middle-east>**

b. How many surveillance solutions, products, services or equipment have been distributed by your company at border crossings, checkpoints or refugee camps in the past 5-10 years?

**Airbus does not provide details about its contracts with government customers.**

c. Are you willing to provide BHRCC with updated lists of your surveillance solutions, products, services or equipment, as well as your government clients and border agencies in the Middle East & North Africa region, in the future?

**Airbus does not provide details about its contracts with government customers. For information about the products we offer, please refer to:**

**<https://www.airbus.com/en/products-services/security>**

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### **Assessing and mitigating risks**

2. a. Is your company or subsidiary carrying out due diligence to identify, prevent, and mitigate human rights risks before supplying governments or border agencies in the Middle East and North Africa region with surveillance solutions, products, services or equipment? If so, please outline the risks identified.

**Airbus is firmly committed to conducting business ethically, based on its company values and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. As part of this commitment, Airbus supports the principles of the UN Global Compact which includes respect for human rights.**

**In addition, Airbus constantly monitors changes to international law to ensure that all sales are in compliance with any applicable legal requirements with regard to transactions with countries under the UN, EU, UK and US sanctions.**

**Furthermore, one of Airbus' salient human rights issues is the 'Impact of products and services on the right to life and liberty' where a multifunctional and cross-divisional team is currently reviewing how to integrate risk-based human rights due diligence through existing processes and tools.**

**For further information please refer to the Airbus Universal Registration Document: <https://www.airbus.com/sites/g/files/jlcpta136/files/2022-04/Airbus%20SE%20Universal%20Registration%20Document%202021.pdf>**

b. Does your company or subsidiary conduct any consultations with affected communities (such as migrants, refugees and asylum seekers) and human defenders as part of your due diligence process?

**Not at this time.**

c. Is your company or subsidiary taking any other actions to ensure that the surveillance solutions, products, services or equipment that you supply or distribute on border crossings, checkpoints, or in refugee camps are not causing or contributing to adverse impacts on the rights of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers (e.g., discrimination, detention, mistreatment, mass collection of data, tracking their movement without rescuing them, etc.)? If yes, could you share these actions with BHRRRC?

**Please see 2a above.**

d. Does your company or subsidiary have a grievance mechanism in place for people to raise concerns or complaints?

**Airbus employees, suppliers or other third parties can raise concerns or complaints through the Airbus OpenLine. The Airbus OpenLine is anonymous where legally permissible. For further information, please refer to <https://www.airbusopenline.com/>**

e. Does your company have a human rights policy or internal process governing your provision of surveillance solutions, products, services or equipment to government clients or border agencies in the context of migration?

**A human rights policy defines our approach to respecting human rights, reflected within our Human Rights Policy Statement by Airbus CEO, Guillaume Faury available at**

<https://www.airbus.com/sites/g/files/jlcbta136/files/2022-04/Human%20Rights%20Policy%20Statement%20by%20Guillaume%20Faury.pdf>

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### **Future plans**

3. a. Is your company or subsidiary planning to stop engaging in the sale or provision of a range of surveillance solutions, products, services or equipment to Middle Eastern & North African countries with a track record of human rights violations?

**Please see 2a above.**