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Dear Sir,

In reference to your e-mail dated 09 July 2018, you will find below Airbus response to your concerns.

Airbus offers a wide portfolio of satellite capabilities and services to governments and institutions, including to the South African National Space Agency, and has built numerous telecom satellites that provide African coverage and enable crucial communications services across the region. These include Egypt's Nilesat and Algeria's ALSAT 2A, which has spent more than five years in orbit.

Airbus works together with states, international organizations and customers to create better defence solutions for a safer and more prosperous world. Its products and technologies help protect freedom and democratic values by enabling governments to guarantee their sovereignty and combat changing terrorism threats and cybercrime.

Airbus will always conduct business ethically, based on Airbus values and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. As part of this commitment, Airbus supports the principles of the UN Global Compact and IFBEC's Global Principles of Business Ethics which set a benchmark for high ethical standards globally.

Each of the countries in which Airbus does business has controls on the export and transfer of its goods and technologies that are considered to be important to national security and foreign policies.

Complying with export laws and regulations is central to the Airbus culture. Airbus commits itself to respect and follow all export/import compliance laws affecting its technologies and products. As an importer and exporter of cutting-edge technologies that are strategic to its home countries and their allies, Airbus has to act responsibly. As part of the Airbus export compliance policy, Airbus commits to cooperate closely and openly with its home countries' governments and to comply with all applicable export rules and regulations.

The Airbus Export Compliance organization oversees compliance across the group, additionally acting as a centre of expertise. The Airbus Export Compliance organization closely monitors export/ import compliance rules and regulations, which are often changed by governments and supranational organisations to reflect shifting security pressures and ensures that all required authorizations are obtained. Furthermore, the more sensitive cases (e.g. projects involving countries subject to restrictive measures) are reviewed on a case by case basis.

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In line with all applicable regulations, Airbus provided those products with all necessary government authorisations.

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 UN, EU, UK and US sanctions.

Yours sincerely,

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