



December 8, 2009

The Honorable John F. Kerry
Senate Foreign Relations Committee
218 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-6225

Re: US-UK Defense Trade Cooperation Treaty

Dear Chairman Kerry:

As President of the European-American Business Council, I'm writing to urge you to support the US-UK Defense Trade Cooperation Treaty. EABC is a Trans-Atlantic, trans-sectoral business association representing 70 American and European companies committed to promoting bilateral investment, innovation, and integration between the United States and Europe.

The US-UK commercial and economic relationship results in hundreds of billions of dollars' worth of business that greatly strengthens our respective economies. The US State Department already processes thousands of export licenses for the UK every year – approving 99.9 % of those submitted. Nevertheless, the current process can take many months to complete. Ratification of this trade cooperation treaty will reduce the defense licensing burden on the United States, thereby enabling our government to focus its efforts on protecting our most sensitive technologies from those that would threaten US national security. In addition to more effective Trans-Atlantic cooperation, ratification of this treaty will also deliver greater effectiveness in responding to national security threats, enhanced efficiency in industry, and better use of defense budgets.

We respectfully urge the Senate to move expeditiously this year toward approval of these treaties by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and then the full Senate.

Please call upon us if we can be of any assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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