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MEMORANDUM

From: Director, Navy International Programs Office  
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SUBJ: RELIGIOUS SUPPORT PROGRAMS IN FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CASES

Ref: (a) Command Investigation Report Fatal Shooting Incident at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida on 6 December 2019  
(b) Joint Security Cooperation Education and Training (JSCET), SECNAVINST 4950.4B, 03 January 2011  
(c) Arms Export Control Act, 22 USC Sec. 2794.

1. This Memorandum addresses recommendation 4.5.3 found in reference (a). All policies contained in this memorandum will take effect immediately upon signature. Navy International Programs Office (NIPO) will update the language of reference (b), Chapter 10, to reflect this policy.

2. In recommendations 4.5.1 and 4.5.2, reference (a) recognizes that Foreign Military Sales (FMS) cases cannot build or modify religious facilities on U.S. Government (USG) installations. Reference (c)'s definition of 'defense services' tightly limits the type of religious support the USG may provide under an FMS case. Within these parameters and as a matter of policy, the NIPO Country Program Director (CPD), the Case Manager, and the Naval Education and Training Security Assistance Field Activity (NETSAFA) will review existing and new FMS training cases funded with a customer's national funds to determine if IMS religious program support may be included. During FMS case development that includes training, NIPO CPDs and Case Managers will discuss with partner nations any possible religious support the partner may desire.

3. FMS cases may be able to fund religious program support in the form of the costs of recurring travel of personnel from the partner nation's religious affairs division within their Ministry of Defense to IMS training sites. The Case Manager, in coordination with the NIPO CPD and NETSAFA, will contact Commander Naval Installations Command (CNIC) to ensure adequate religious facilities exist for the partner nation and will also coordinate with the U.S. Navy Corps of Chaplains to ascertain whether it has personnel available to address the partner nation's request.

4. My primary point of contact on this matter is NIPO's International Training Policy Lead (IPO-230T). They are available at [NIPOTRNGPOLICY.fct@navy.mil](mailto:NIPOTRNGPOLICY.fct@navy.mil).

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