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Dear Grant,

The International Agreements Committee has recently reported on the UK-Republic of Senegal Defence Cooperation Agreement which was laid before Parliament by the Ministry of Defence under the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010. Article 3 of the Agreement and paragraphs 2.3 and 4.2 of the Explanatory Memorandum list various activities such as fight against terrorism, maritime piracy, illicit traffic and illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing as part of the partnership in military cooperation between both Parties. During its consideration of the Agreement, the Committee was interested to know whether this cooperation could include the supply of arms to Senegal.

We would be grateful if you could confirm whether the sale or supply of armaments is within scope of the framework defined in the Agreement.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course. Our Committee Clerk Rhiannon Williams may be contacted on 02072 194585 or williamsrb@parliament.uk

Yours sincerely,

The Rt Hon. Lord Goldsmith KC

Chair of the House of Lords International Agreements Committee