

Public Release of Foreign Security Forces Units Ineligible for Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and Arms Export Control Act Assistance Pursuant to the State Leahy Law

Calendar Year 2020

Section 620M of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (also referred to as the “State Leahy law”) states, in pertinent part:

- (a) IN GENERAL. – No assistance shall be furnished under this Act or the Arms Export Control Act to any unit of the security forces of a foreign country if the Secretary of State has credible information that such unit has committed a gross violation of human rights.

- (d) The Secretary of State shall establish, and periodically update, procedures to—

(7) make publicly available, to the maximum extent practicable, the identity of those units for which no assistance shall be furnished pursuant to subsection (a).

Consistent with this provision, the list below identifies (in alphabetical order, by country) foreign government security forces units that were proposed for applicable assistance in calendar year 2020 but were denied such assistance pursuant to the State Leahy law based on credible information that the unit committed a gross violation of human rights during any year in the unit’s history. A unit’s absence from this list does not mean the unit received assistance from the United States; the absence of units from a given country from the list may mean they were never considered for training or assistance. A listed unit may receive assistance in the future if new, exculpatory information is discovered. In addition, depending on the actions of the foreign government, assistance to a unit may resume if the Secretary of State determines and reports to Congress that the government is taking effective steps to bring the responsible members of the unit to justice, in accordance with the State Leahy law.

Burkina Faso

- Compagnie gendarmerie de Fada N’Gourma

Mexico

- Veracruz State Attorney General’s Office / General Directorate of the Ministerial Police / Centre Zone Xalapa Command / Detective Division / Homicide Investigation Group
- Government of the State of Sinaloa / Attorney General of the State of Sinaloa / Specialized Anti-Kidnapping Unit

Rwanda

- Border Security Unit, Rubavu
- Police Marine Unit, Rubavu
- District Police Unit, Rubavu
- District Police Unit, Rusizi

- District Police Unit, Rutsiro