Subject: Response to Allegations of Armored Vehicles Sale to Sudan

Dear Mr. Edwards,

Thank you for your letter dated July 5, 2024, regarding the allegations of The Armored Group’s involvement in the transfer of armored vehicles to Sudan. We appreciate the opportunity to address these serious concerns.

First and foremost, The Armored Group (TAG) unequivocally states that we have never exported armored vehicles, including the Terrier LT-79 Armored Personnel Carrier, to Sudan. Our company adheres strictly to all local and international export regulations and sanctions, including those imposed by the United Nations Security Council. TAG is fully aware of and compliant with all international laws and regulations governing the export of military and security equipment. This includes adherence to UN Security Council Resolutions 1556 and 1591, which ban all transfers of weapons and military equipment to Darfur since 2004.

Moreover, TAG follows a rigorous due diligence process to ensure that all products are not misused or transferred to prohibited entities or regions. This process includes thorough vetting of all clients by TAG and similarly the government, all end-users are verified by submitting attested End User Certificated (EUC) using diplomatic channels while in strict compliance with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Also, every shipment receives an export approval granted by the government, followed by customs and shipping line compliance approvals, and we do have a record of every shipment accordingly.

Given the nature of the allegations, we respectfully request that Amnesty International provide the following to assist us in verifying these claims:

1. Please provide clear, high-resolution images of the vehicle in question to help us confirm whether the vehicle is indeed manufactured by TAG.

2. If the vehicle is confirmed to be manufactured by TAG, the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) will enable us to trace the vehicle’s manufacturing and export history, ensuring full transparency.

Our commitment to human rights and compliance with international law is unwavering. We take these allegations with the utmost seriousness and are prepared to cooperate fully to clarify any misunderstandings.

We appreciate your cooperation in providing the requested information and look forward to resolving this matter promptly.

Yours sincerely,

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