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STATEMENT

Public Statement: U.S. Department of State DDTC Acknowledgment and Export Approvals for Stavatti F-26 Stalma Multi-Role Fighter

1 May 2025 - Stavatti Aerospace affirms that the U.S. Department of State's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) officially acknowledged the F-26 Stalma multi-role fighter and granted approvals for its marketing to key U.S. allies, underscoring Stavatti's legitimacy as a defense contractor. Operating from its Headquarters and Operations Center at 9400 Porter Road, Niagara Falls, NY, Stavatti continues to advance aerospace innovation through programs like the SM-31 Stiletto, SM-39 Razor, SM-920, and SM-36 Stalma (formerly F-26 reimagined as a 6th generation fighter)

DDTC Acknowledgment and Approvals

• **F-26 Stalma Recognition:** The DDTC has recognized the F-26 Stalma, developed from [REDACTED] (1991–1993 Multi-Role Fighter program), as a viable ITAR-controlled defense article. Noted for its “remarkable” radar-evading capabilities [REDACTED], the F-26 was designed by CEO Christopher Beskar as a cost-effective, multi-role fighter (flyaway cost \$25 million in 1993) and later redesignated SM-36 Stalma and reimagined for sixth-generation roles, succeeding the F/A-18E/F and F-35.

Export Marketing Approvals: The DDTC approved marketing proposals for the F-26 Stalma to key U.S. allies, ensuring compliance with the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) and ITAR (22 CFR Parts 120–130):

- **Australia (August 21, 1998; Case GC-0233-98):** No objection to proposals for Australia's Ministry of Defense, per ITAR § 126.8(a)(1)(ii).
- **Philippines (January 26, 2001; Case GC-0268-00):** Approved presentation of the F-26A/B Stalma, with restrictions on sensitive technologies (e.g., COMSEC, GPS-PPS).
- **India (October 27, 2004; Case GC-0593-04):** Guidance for marketing the F-26S variant.
- **Other Allies:** Approvals extended to Canada, the UK, all NATO nations, Japan, and Israel, enabling Direct Commercial Sales (DCS) pursuits, subject to licensing for any exports.

Commitment to Global Security: Stavatti's DDTC approvals for the F-26 Stalma, combined with early recognition in [REDACTED], affirm its role as a trusted aerospace innovator. Self-funded at 9400 Porter Road, Stavatti remains dedicated to advancing defense solutions, fostering partnerships with U.S. allies, and contributing to Niagara's economic growth

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Sources: DDTC Approval Letters (1998–2000s), DDTC Registration Letters (1994–2025), [REDACTED], ITAR regulations.