

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

Exhibit A to Registration Statement**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**

INSTRUCTIONS. Furnish this exhibit for EACH foreign principal listed in an initial statement and for EACH additional foreign principal acquired subsequently. The filing of this document requires the payment of a filing fee as set forth in Rule (d)(1), 28 C.F.R. § 5.5(d)(1). Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit A form at <https://www.fara.gov>.

Privacy Act Statement. The filing of this document is required by the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, for the purposes of registration under the Act and public disclosure. Provision of the information requested is mandatory, and failure to provide this information is subject to the penalty and enforcement provisions established in Section 8 of the Act. Every registration statement, short form registration statement, supplemental statement, exhibit, amendment, copy of informational materials or other document or information filed with the Attorney General under this Act is a public record open to public examination, inspection and copying during the posted business hours of the FARA Unit in Washington, DC. Statements are also available online at the FARA Unit's webpage: <https://www.fara.gov>. One copy of every such document, other than informational materials, is automatically provided to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, and copies of any and all documents are routinely made available to other agencies, departments and Congress pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act. The Attorney General also transmits a semi-annual report to Congress on the administration of the Act which lists the names of all agents registered under the Act and the foreign principals they represent. This report is available to the public online at: <https://www.fara.gov>.

Public Reporting Burden. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .22 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Chief, FARA Unit, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Name of Registrant Ballard Partners	2. Registration Number 7070
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3. Primary Address of Registrant
601 Thirteenth St, NW, Suite 250 S, Washington, DC 20005

4. Name of Foreign Principal Republic of Türkiye Ministry of National Defense	5. Address of Foreign Principal Millî Savunma Bakanlığı, Devlet Mahallesi,, Yahya Galip Caddesi, Bakanlıklar Ankara TURKEY 06100
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6. Country/Region Represented
TURKEY

7. Indicate whether the foreign principal is one of the following:

- ☒ Government of a foreign country¹
- ☐ Foreign political party
- ☐ Foreign or domestic organization: If either, check one of the following:
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| ☐ Partnership | ☐ Committee |
| ☐ Corporation | ☐ Voluntary group |
| ☐ Association | ☐ Other (<i>specify</i>) _____ |
- ☐ Individual-State nationality _____

8. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state:

- a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant
Türkiye Ministry of National Defense
- b) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages
Director General for Defense and Security, General İlkey Altındag

¹ "Government of a foreign country," as defined in Section 1(e) of the Act, includes any person or group of persons exercising sovereign de facto or de jure political jurisdiction over any country, other than the United States, or over any part of such country, and includes any subdivision of any such group and any group or agency to which such sovereign de facto or de jure authority or functions are directly or indirectly delegated. Such term shall include any faction or body of insurgents within a country assuming to exercise governmental authority whether such faction or body of insurgents has or has not been recognized by the United States.

9. If the foreign principal is a foreign political party, state:

a) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages

b) Aim, mission or objective of foreign political party

10. If the foreign principal is not a foreign government or a foreign political party:

a) State the nature of the business or activity of this foreign principal.

b) Is this foreign principal:

Supervised by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

Owned by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

Directed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

Financed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

Subsidized in part by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal

Yes ☐ No ☐

11. Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 10(b).

12. If the foreign principal is an organization and is not owned or controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party or other foreign principal, state who owns and controls it.

EXECUTION

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Date

Printed Name

Signature

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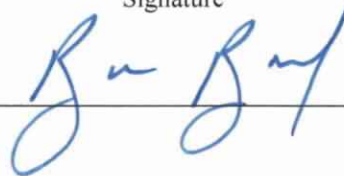
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Exhibit B to Registration Statement**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**

INSTRUCTIONS. A registrant must furnish as an Exhibit B copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions of each oral agreement with his foreign principal, including all modifications of such agreements, or, where no contract exists, a full statement of all the circumstances by reason of which the registrant is acting as an agent of a foreign principal. Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit B form at <https://www.fara.gov>.

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1. Name of Registrant

Ballard Partners

2. Registration Number

7070

3. Name of Foreign Principal

Republic of Türkiye Ministry of National Defense

Check Appropriate Box:

4. ☒ The agreement between the registrant and the above-named foreign principal is a formal written contract. If this box is checked, attach a copy of the contract to this exhibit.
5. ☐ There is no formal written contract between the registrant and the foreign principal. The agreement with the above-named foreign principal has resulted from an exchange of correspondence. If this box is checked, attach a copy of all pertinent correspondence, including a copy of any initial proposal which has been adopted by reference in such correspondence.
6. ☐ The agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal is the result of neither a formal written contract nor an exchange of correspondence between the parties. If this box is checked, give a complete description below of the terms and conditions of the oral agreement or understanding, its duration, and the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.
7. What is the date of the contract or agreement with the foreign principal? 08/15/2026
8. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.

The registrant will provide government relations and strategic advisory services to the foreign principal regarding matters between the United States and Türkiye.

9. Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal.

The anticipated political activities include lobbying and advocacy focused on defense and security matters between the United States and Turkiye.

10. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act.¹

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose. The response must include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

The anticipated political activities include lobbying and advocacy on behalf of the foreign principal.

11. Prior to the date of registration² for this foreign principal has the registrant engaged in any registrable activities, including political activities, for this foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe in full detail all such activities. The response should include, among other things, the relations, interests, and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored, or delivered speeches, lectures, social media, internet postings, or media broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers, and subject matter. The response must also include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

Set forth below a general description of the registrant's activities, including political activities.

Set forth below in the required detail the registrant's political activities.

Date	Contact	Method	Purpose
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12. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register³ to the date of registration for this foreign principal, has the registrant received from the foreign principal, or from any other source, for or in the interests of the foreign principal, any contributions, income, money, or thing of value either as compensation, or for disbursement, or otherwise?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

Date Received	From Whom	Purpose	Amount/Thing of Value
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13. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register⁴ to the date of registration for this foreign principal, has the registrant disbursed or expended monies, or disposed of anything of value other than money, in connection with activity on behalf of the foreign principal or transmitted monies to any such foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

Date	Recipient	Purpose	Amount/Thing of Value
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¹ "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity which the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

^{2,3,4} Pursuant to Section 2(a) of the Act, an agent must register within ten days of becoming an agent, and before acting as such.

EXECUTION

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Date

Printed Name

Signature

08/21/2026Brian Ballard/s/Brian Ballard

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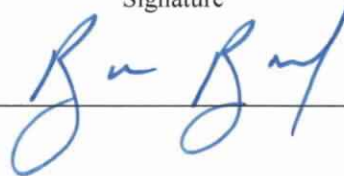
Date

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Signature

8/18/2026

Brian Ballard



CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

This contract is entered into between Republic of Türkiye Ministry of National Defense ("the Client"), Milli Savunma Bakanlığı, Devlet Mahallesi, Yahya Galip Caddesi, Bakanlıklar, Ankara 06100, Türkiye, and Ballard Partners, Inc. ("the Firm"), 601 13th Street NW, Suite 250S, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Recitals

Whereas, the Client wishes to retain the services of the Firm in order that the Firm may provide strategic consulting and advocacy services to the Client in connection with its business with the United States government; and

Whereas, the Firm wishes to provide such representation as the Client may from time to time require; and

Whereas, the parties have agreed to the terms under which the Firm will represent the Client and wish to memorialize their agreement in writing.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties agree as follows:

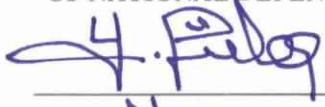
1. Term of Agreement. This agreement shall become effective on August 15, 2026, and shall remain effective until August 14, 2027.

2. Duties of The Firm. It shall be the Firm's duty to consult with the Client and advocate on its behalf those issues the Client deems necessary and appropriate before the Federal government. It shall further be the Firm's duty to inform the Client of developments in legislation and policy relevant to the Client's operations. The Firm also provides Strategic Communications services through its Ballard Media Group and those services are not included as part of this Agreement.

3. Duties of The Client. It shall be the Client's duty to provide the Firm with the information necessary to best represent the Client. It shall also be the Client's duty to timely compensate the Firm for its services.

4. Compensation. The Firm shall receive from the Client a fee of \$200,000 a month for the Firm's services under this agreement, plus the reasonable out-of-pocket costs associated with the representation, including but not limited to, necessary registration fees; and travel expenses such as hotel, air fare, car services and meals, excluding costs typically associated with the operation of an office such as overhead, staff, and equipment. The fee shall be paid in monthly installments of \$200,000 a month, beginning August 15, 2026; and continuing to be due within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice from the Firm until the termination of the agreement. The Firm will bill its costs monthly.

REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE MINISTRY
OF NATIONAL DEFENSE


By: Yasar GÜLER
Title: Bakan
Date: 08/06/2026

BALLARD PARTNERS, INC.


By: Brian D. Ballard
Title: President
Date: 8/3/2026