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NYCFPA STATEMENT ON THE TEMPORARY HOLD THE UAE ARMS DEAL  
WASHINGTON, DC - The New York Center for Foreign Policy Affairs (NYCFPA) commends President Biden and Secretary of State Blinken for suspending the UAE arms deal that has generated so much attention globally.

Our organization understands that this decision to suspend the sale may come with some confrontation, especially regarding the possible unknown promises the Trump administration may have made to the UAE. However, we firmly believe that there is no greater consequence than our nation creating an arms race accompanied by instability in the Middle Eastern region.

Although our organization believes the Biden administration took a significant step in the right direction, we still will be pursuing our lawsuit against the State Department. We do not just want this UAE deal to be put on hold. Instead, we want it to be permanently stopped. Due to our organization's grave concern with stability in the region, we believe an arms race is on the opposite spectrum of establishing peace in the Middle East. The ultimate goal of our organization's lawsuit is to ensure that our nation's advanced weaponry does not find itself in the hands of a known aggressor.

The UAE's inhumane actions have been displayed front and center in countries like Libya and Yemen. The UAE's conspicuous relations with China and Russia may put our military intelligence advantage at risk if the arms deal is eventually approved. No assurance prevents these entities from sharing our proprietary knowledge. Unfortunately, due to the UAE's frequent and repetitive human rights violations, there is no guarantee that the F-35 aircraft and drones will not inflict harm in Libya and Yemen.

As an organization, our goal remains the same, and it is as clear as ever we will continue to advocate for establishing peace in the Middle East. We will also advocate for shaping policy that ultimately puts an end to the human rights crisis in both Yemen and Libya. The NYCFPA will continue to be a voice for the unheard through constructing research and advocating for policy.

Justin Russell, the NYCFPA's Principal Director, states, "We are ecstatic about the decision to suspend this controversial arms deal. This is a decision that brings us one step closer to preventing an arms race in a vulnerable region of the world." ###