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Brazil – MK 48 Mod 6 Advanced Technology Torpedoes

On 28 September 2005, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Brazil of 30 MK 48 Mod 6 Advanced Technology Torpedoes as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$60 million.

The Government of Brazil has requested a possible sale of 30 MK 48 Mod 6 Advanced Technology Torpedoes, containers, exercise heads, devices, support and test equipment, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical documentation, engineering and technical assistance, supply support, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$60 million.

The Government of Brazil is one of the major political and military powers in South America. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to support the Government of Brazil and assist them in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability that will contribute to maintaining a regional military balance and help them become a stronger future coalition partner. The proposed sale is consistent with those objectives.

Brazil intends to use the purchase to upgrade and modernize its existing heavyweight torpedo capability. The existing torpedoes were purchased and delivered in the mid 1980s through the early 1990s. The modernization will enhance the capabilities of the Brazilian Navy and support its regional influence. The proposed sale of the torpedoes and support will upgrade existing inventories and improve overall Brazilian Naval Anti-Submarine and Anti-Surface Warfare capability to confront future coalition challenges. The proposed sale will not contribute to regional destabilization or upset the existing military balance. The proposed sale supports foreign policy and military missions.

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Corporation of Waltham, Massachusetts. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Brazil. There will be U.S. Government and contractor representatives in country on a temporary basis to participate in program management and technical reviews.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.