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Brazil – S-70B Helicopters and Engines

WASHINGTON, September 27, 2006 - The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Brazil of S-70 helicopters as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$300 million.

The Government of Brazil has requested a possible sale of six (6) S-70B helicopters, 13 T-700-401C engines, spare and repair parts, communications and support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, contractor engineering and technical support services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$300 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been, and continues to be, an important force for political stability and economic progress in South America.

Brazil needs these helicopters to fulfill its strategic commitments for search and rescue and self-defense within the region. The Brazilian Armed Forces' possession of an enhanced capability to conduct search and rescue operations, maritime interdiction operations, and provide other types of maritime support reduces requirements for U.S. forces. This procurement also will enable the Brazilian Navy to be interoperable with U.S. forces on routine training exercises and deployments in support of peacekeeping security operations. Brazil plans to use this equipment to augment or replace existing SH-3 helicopters. Brazil will have no difficulty absorbing these helicopters into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be: Sikorsky Aircraft (United Technologies) Corporation of Stratford, Connecticut and General Electric Engines of Lynn, Massachusetts. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale may require the assignment of two contractor representatives in Brazil for a period of up to three years.

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.