Mexico – Persuader Maritime Patrol Aircraft

WASHINGTON, April 3, 2009 – On April 3, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Mexico of the Persuader Maritime Patrol Aircraft and other related services and support. The estimated cost is $60 million.

The Government of Mexico has requested a possible sale of one Persuader Maritime Patrol Aircraft, CASA type CN235-300M-M01, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, contractor engineering and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics support.

This proposed sale contributes to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve Mexico's fight against criminal organizations, drugs, and gang activities. This proposed sale directly supports the Mexican government and serves the interests of the Mexican people and the U.S.

The proposed sale of the patrol aircraft will allow the Mexican Navy to perform enhanced surveillance missions, which will support its interdiction activities and rapid response of law enforcement in Mexico.

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

The principal contractor is EADS North America in Arlington, Virginia. 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 additional U. S. Government personnel in country. One contractor representative is requested for a period of four years to provide logistic support services.

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.

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