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Germany – AN/AAQ 24(V) Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures (LAIRCM) Systems

WASHINGTON, September 30, 2010 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress Sept. 29 of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Republic of Germany for the sale and installation of six AN/AAQ 24(V) Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures Systems (LAIRCM) and associated parts, equipment and logistical support for a complete package worth approximately \$146 million.

The Government of the Republic of Germany has requested a possible sale and installation of AN/AAQ 24(V) Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures Systems (LAIRCM) on 2 German Airbus A-319 and 4 German Bombardier Global 5000 aircraft, including the following Line Replaceable Units: 5 Control Interface Units, 4 System Processors, 32 AAR-54 Missile Warning Systems, 8 Small Laser Transmitter Assemblies, and Operation Flight Program software, installation support, engineering change proposals, minor modifications, support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documents, repair and return, depot maintenance, training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$146 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 major NATO ally which has been, and continues to be, an important force for political and economic stability in Europe .

Germany needs this capability to provide protection for its head-of-state aircraft fleet. LAIRCM will ensure the safety of German political leadership, promoting stability and global engagement of a close and trusted ally. German head-of-state use of this advanced US system will demonstrate mutual trust and confidence, bolstering US-German relations. Germany, which currently has LAIRCM in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing this advanced system into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be the Northrop Grumman Corporation in Rolling Meadows, Illinois. 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 or contractor representatives to Germany.

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 and does not mean the sale has been concluded.