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## <u>United Arab Emirates – AH-64D Block III APACHE Helicopters</u>

WASHINGTON, November 4, 2010 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress November 3 of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the United Arab Emirates of 30 AH-64D Block II lot 10 APACHE helicopters, remanufactured to AH-64D Block III configuration and 30 AH-64D Block III APACHE helicopters, as well as associated parts, equipment, training and logistical support for a complete package worth approximately \$5.0 billion.

The Government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has requested a possible sale of 30 AH-64D Block II lot 10 APACHE helicopters, remanufactured to AH-64D Block III configuration, 30 AH-64D Block III APACHE helicopters, 120 T700-GE-701D engines, 76 Modernized Target Acquisition and Designation Sight/Modernized Pilot Night Vision Sensors, 70 AN/APG-78 Fire Control Radars with Radar Electronics Units, 70 AN/ALQ-144A(V)3 Infrared Jammers, 70 AN/APR-39A(V)4 Radar Signal Detecting Sets, 70 AN/ALQ-136(V)5 Radar Jammers, 70 AAR-57(V)3/5 Common Missile Warning Systems, 30mm automatic weapons, improved counter measure dispensers, communication and support equipment, improved helmet display sight systems, trainer upgrades, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$5.0 billion.

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 that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East. The UAE is currently deployed in support of U.S. regional operations, and plans to provide future deployment support.

The UAE needs these helicopters to fulfill its strategic commitments for self defense, with coalition support, in the region. The helicopters will provide the UAE military more advanced targeting and engagement capabilities. The proposed sale will provide for the defense of vital installations and will provide close air support for military ground forces. The UAE, which currently has AH-64Ds in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional helicopters into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this weapon system will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractors will be The Boeing Company in Mesa, Arizona, and Lockheed Martin Corporation in Orlando, Florida. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale may require the assignment of additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the UAE. U.S. Government and contractor representatives will also participate in program management and technical reviews for one-week intervals, twice semi-annually.

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.