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EGYPT – Upgrade of Six Cargo Helicopters

On 17 May, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Egypt of upgrade to existing CH-47C Chinook cargo helicopters to the CH-47D configuration, together with associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$155 Million.

The Government of Egypt has requested a possible upgrade of six CH-47C CHINOOK helicopters to the newer CH-47D configuration, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical data, communications equipment, maintenance, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government Quality Assurance Team, contractor representatives, contractor engineering and technical support services, preparation of aircraft for shipment, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$155 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 the Middle East.

The Egyptian Armed Forces will use these helicopters for troop transport and logistics support. They may also be deployed in future joint exercises with the United States such as Operation Bright Star.

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

The prime contractor will be The Boeing Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require a U.S. contractor representative for up to two years and four additional U.S. contractor representatives for one week when the aircraft arrives. Up to eight U.S. Government Quality Assurance personnel will be required for one week following delivery of the helicopters in Egypt.

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.