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Republic of Korea – Sale of AH-64D Apache Attack Helicopters and Associated Equipment

On 26 June, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale of 36 Apache attack helicopters and associated equipment.

The Republic of Korea Government (ROKG) has requested the possible sale of 36 AH-64D Apache attack helicopters; 14 spare T-700-GE -701C engines; 85 M299 HELLFIRE launchers; 410 AGM-114L1 and 576 AGM-114K1 HELLFIRE II laser guided missiles; 40 AGM-114 training and 40 AGM-114 dummy missiles; 310 STINGER Block 1 missiles; two spare Modernized Targeting Acquisition and Designation Systems; 16 AN/APG-78 Longbow Fire Control Radar; 39 AN/ARC-210 SINCGARS radios with HAVE QUICK; 23,904 2.75 rockets, M130 chaff dispensers; spare and repair parts, communications equipment, support equipment, simulators, quality assurance teams, tools and test sets, chaff dispensers, Integrated Helmet and Display Sight Systems, 30mm cartridges, electronic equipment, test facility spares, publications, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical support and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$2.4 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 which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in Northeast Asia.

Korea desires these articles to fulfill their strategic commitments for self-defense and self-reliance. The proposed sale will upgrade its anti-armor day/night missile capability, provide for the defense of vital installations and provide close air support for the military ground forces. Korea 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 Boeing Company in Mesa, Arizona; Lockheed Martin Electronics and Missiles in Orlando, Florida; Lockheed Martin Federal Systems in Owego, New York; General Electric in Lynn, Massachusetts; and Longbow LLC in Orlando, Florida. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

Implementation of this sale will require the assignment of several U.S. Government Quality Assurance Teams to Korea for one month to assist in the delivery and deployment of the missiles. There will be up to 15 U.S. Government representatives for two-week intervals twice annually to participate in program management and technical reviews. Five contractor

representatives will serve as technical representatives for a period of three years following initial deployment. Contractor representatives representing varying technical skills and disciplines will be required to provide in-country support for an extended period of time. The specific requirements for this support will be established during program definition between representatives of the United States Government and the purchaser.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

The ROKG is also considering a competing bid for 36 Super Cobra helicopters.