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Egypt – C-130 Aircraft

On 7 July 2004, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Egypt of three C-130H aircraft as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$94 million.

The Government of Egypt has requested a possible sale of three C-130H aircraft with engines, spare and repair parts, devices, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$94 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 that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

Egypt requires these aircraft to further develop and enhance its C-130 fleet. These aircraft will be used for airlift of military forces and supplies. Egypt can easily absorb and utilize these additional C-130 aircraft within its existing structure.

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

The prime contractor will be the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company of Marietta, Georgia. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

The number of U.S. Government and contractor representatives required in-country to support the program will be determined in joint negotiations as the program proceeds through the development, production and equipment installation phases.

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.