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India – Aircraft Self-protection Systems

On 15 July 2004, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to India of aircraft self-protection systems as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$40 million.

The Government of India has requested a possible sale of three aircraft self-protection systems consisting of three components:

- AN/AAQ-24 Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures System
- AN/ALE-47H Countermeasure Dispensing System
- AN/ALQ-211 Early Warning Suite Controller and Radar Warning

Also included are: associated support equipment, installation, test support, spare and repair parts, publications; personnel training and training equipment, technical assistance, contractor technical and logistics personnel services and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$40 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 and strategic partner that has been, and continues to be, an important force for political stability and economic progress in South Asia.

India will install the self-protection systems on three new Boeing 737 aircraft. They will use the system for the movement and protection of their Head of State. India will have no difficulty absorbing these systems into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be L3 Communications of Greenville, Texas. Additional subcontractors may be needed depending on the exact nature of the contracting arrangement to be established. There are no known offset agreements in connection with this proposed sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of ten each U.S. Government and contractor representatives for two-week intervals annually to participate in program management and technical review.

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.