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Japan – Mission Equipment for AWACS Aircraft

Washington, May 2, 2006 - The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Japan of four sets of Airborne Early Warning (AEW) and Command, Control and Communications (C3) mission equipment/Radar System Improvement Program (RSIP) kits as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$147 million.

The Government of Japan has requested a possible sale of four sets of Airborne Early Warning (AEW) and Command, Control and Communications (C3) mission equipment/Radar System Improvement Program (RSIP) Group A and B kits, for subsequent installation and checkout in four previously procured E-767 Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS). In addition, this proposed sale will include related spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, services and other related program elements to ensure complete AWACS mission equipment supportability. The estimated cost is \$147 million.

Japan is one of the major political and economic powers in East Asia and the Western Pacific and a key ally of the United States in ensuring peace and stability in that region. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist Japan to develop and maintain a strong and ready self-defense capability, which will contribute to an acceptable military balance in the region. This proposed sale is consistent with these U.S. objectives and with the 1960 Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.

Japan previously purchased four sets of AWACS mission equipment and needs this additional mission equipment to continue its development of an extended Airborne Early Warning (AEW) capability as well as enhanced command, control and communications (C3). Japan will have no difficulty absorbing the additional AWACS aircraft equipment into its armed forces.

The prime contractor will be Boeing Aerospace Company in Seattle, Washington. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any U.S. Government and contractor representatives to Japan.

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.