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Netherlands – F-16 Pilot Training and Logistics Support

Washington, July 28, 2006 - The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Netherlands of F-16 pilot training and logistics support as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$200 million.

The Government of the Netherlands has requested a possible sale to establish a Continental United States (CONUS)-based Royal Netherlands Air Force F-16 Formal Training Unit (FTU) to include: 130 Laser Guided Training rounds, 150,000 20mm Target Practice training bullets, 3,750 BDU-33 low-drag training bombs, 875 MK-106 high-drag training bombs, pilot training, JP-8 fuel, air refueling support, CONUS base start up, base operating support, facilities, and other related operational/logistics services and support. The estimated cost is \$200 million.

This proposed sale contributes to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the U.S. by improving the military capabilities of the Netherlands and enhancing standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces.

Springfield-Beckley Air National Guard Base, Ohio is where the Netherlands Air Force will train aircrews in aircraft operations and tactics. This training will enhance the Royal Netherlands Air Force's ability to continue contributions to the Global War on Terrorism, to North Atlantic Treaty Organization air policing operations in Afghanistan, as well as to possible future coalition operations.

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

The U.S. Air Force will provide program management for the FTU. The Ohio Air National Guard will provide instruction, flight operations, maintenance support, and facilities. There is no prime contractor involved in this program. 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 or contractor representatives to the Netherlands.

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.