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<u>Hungary – UH-1N Helicopters</u>

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8, 2011 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress Dec. 6 of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Hungary for the modification and inspection of 32 UH-1N Utility Helicopters and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$426 million.

The Government of Hungary has requested a possible sale of the modification and inspection of 32 UH-1N Utility Helicopters and 20 T-400 spare engines being provided as grant Excess Defense Articles (EDA). Also provided are Forward Looking Infrared Radar, Night Vision Devices, simulators, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is \$426 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the military capabilities of Hungary and furthering NATO standardization and interoperability between United States and other NATO allies.

The proposed sale will help improve Hungary's overall ability to conduct humanitarian and search and rescue medical evacuation missions. The proposed sale would further enhance and enable interoperability with U.S. Armed Forces and other coalition partners in the region. Similar items have not previously been provided to Hungary.

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

The prime contractor will be the U.S. Navy, Naval Air Systems Command. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple U.S. Government and contractor representatives to travel to Hungary for one week intervals, semi-annually, for a period of three years for program and technical reviews, and training and maintenance support.

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 and does not mean the sale has been concluded.