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GERMANY - Tornado Aircraft Training and Logistics Support

On 25 September 2002, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Germany of Tornado Aircraft Training and Logistics Support as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$150 million.

The Government of Germany has requested a possible sale of base services for the German Air Force Tornado operations at Holloman Air Force Base (AFB), New Mexico. Base services provided will be for operation and logistics support including training, fuel, munitions, base operating support, and other related requirements. The estimated cost is \$150 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Germany and enhancing standardization and interoperability of this important NATO ally.

Holloman AFB is the only location where the German Air Force trains aircrews in Tornado operations and tactics. The origin of these operations began at U.S. Air Force facilities in 1989.

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

The U.S. Air Force is the prime contractor for this program. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Germany.

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.