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## GREECE – Aircraft Survivability Equipment or Helicopter Integrated Defensive Aid Systems

On 24 September 2003, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Greece of Aircraft Survivability Equipment or Helicopter Integrated Defensive Aid Systems 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 Greece has requested a possible sale of non-MDE items: 14 Aircraft Survivability Equipment (AN/ALQ-162(V)6 Radar Jammers, AN/ALQ-39B(V)2 Radar Signal Detecting and Laser Detecting Sets) or 12 Helicopter Integrated Defensive Aid Systems and software support facilities in conjunction with a commercial sale of AH-64D Apache helicopters. Included are: Aviation Life Support Equipment, Aviation Mission Planning Systems, Embedded Global Positioning System, Modernized Target Acquisition Designated Sight/Pilot Night Vision System spare parts, threat library, spare and repair parts, communications equipment, support equipment, tools and test sets, software support, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$150 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Greece and enhancing weapon system standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces.

Greece wants to maintain a "like fleet configuration" and seeks the same performance and reliability improvements demanded by the U.S. Army. This proposed sale will contribute significantly to U.S. strategic and tactical objectives by strengthening the unity and interoperability within NATO. Greece will have no difficulty absorbing systems into its armed forces. These systems will be provided to Greece in accordance with and subject to the limitations on use and transfer of the Arms Export Control Act, as embodied in the terms of sale. This proposed sale will not adversely affect either the military balance in the region or U.S. efforts to encourage a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus question.

The principal contractors will be: Lockheed Martin Corporation of Orlando, Florida and BAE Systems Avionics Limited of Stanmore, Middlesex, England. 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 Greece.

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.