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United Kingdom - Globemaster III Sustainment Partnership

WASHINGTON, April 16, 2008 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the United Kingdom of continued participation in the USAF/Boeing Globemaster III Sustainment Partnership as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$225 million.

The Government of the United Kingdom has requested continued participation in the USAF/Boeing Globemaster III Sustainment Partnership which consists of support for the United Kingdom's fleet of six Boeing C-17A Globemaster III cargo aircraft, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, support equipment, spare and repair parts, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$225 million.

The United Kingdom is a major political and economic power in NATO and a key democratic partner of the U.S. in ensuring peace and stability in this region and around the world.

This program will ensure the United Kingdom can effectively maintain its current force projection capability that enhances interoperability with U.S. forces. The United Kingdom is a staunch supporter of the U.S. in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the Global War On Terror (GWOT). The United Kingdom's troops are deployed in support of IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM, where U.S. assets currently provide this proposed capability.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region. The United Kingdom will have no difficulty absorbing this capability into its armed forces.

The principal contractor will be: Boeing Company, of Long Beach, California. 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 additional U.S. Government personnel or contractor representatives to the United Kingdom.

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.