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India Signs Agreement to Buy Firefinder Weapon Locating Radar

In a historic move that further signals improving relations between India and the United States, India today signed an agreement to buy eight AN/TPQ-37 FIREFINDER counter-battery artillery radars with related support including, generators, trailers, communications equipment, training, logistics services, Quality Assurance Team (QAT), spare and repair parts, publications and other related elements of program support.

A team of officials from the Army and Ministry of Defence of India spent the past several days in Washington conducting an intense effort that worked out the details for this first FMS agreement with India in more than a decade. In late February, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) and the Army Security Assistance Command, (USASAC) sent a team to New Delhi to open government-to-government discussions on this system. Today's signing is the culmination of these efforts.

This sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security interests of the United States by helping to improve the security of a country that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in South Asia. This procurement will not affect the basic military balance in the region. There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this buy. Foreign Military Sales are one facet of U.S. foreign policy programs. India also participates in the International Military Education and Training and Enhanced International Peacekeeping along with several programs.

The principle contractor for this equipment will be Thales Raytheon Systems Corporation of El Segundo, California.