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Argentina – C-130H Avionics Upgrade

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19, 2011 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress Oct. 18 of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Argentina for commercial-off-the-shelf avionics upgrade of five C-130H aircraft, as well as associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$166 million.

The Government of Argentina has requested a possible purchase of commercial-off-the-shelf avionics upgrade of five (5) C-130H aircraft that includes minor Class IV modifications, ground handling equipment, repair and return, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, tools and test equipment, personnel training and training equipment, programmed depot maintenance, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$166 million.

The proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the security of a major non- NATO ally.

The proposed sale will improve Argentina's capability to meet current and future needs for its existing C-130 fleet. Argentina uses its C-130 in humanitarian and Antarctic missions. Argentina, which already has C-130s in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing the upgraded systems into its armed forces. The proposed sale will enhance U.S and Argentine Air Force relations.

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

The prime contractors for this sale are not known at this time. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the temporary assignment of approximately two (2) U.S. Government and 48 contractor representatives to Argentina during the duration of the program.

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.