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<u>Greece – S-70B Program Follow-On Support and Sustainment</u>

WASHINGTON, August 1, 2022 - The State Department has made a determination approving a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Greece of follow-on support and sustainment of S-70 helicopters for an estimated cost of \$162.07 million. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency delivered the required certification notifying Congress of this possible sale today.

The Government of Greece has requested to buy follow-on support and sustainment of S-70 helicopters including: aircraft spares; consumables, repair parts, components and accessories to support S-70B/S-70B6 aircraft; repair of S-70 type aircraft and procurement of parts to include aircraft mission system upgrades; existing radar and sonar obsolescence management; gun mount procurement; unclassified publications required for aircraft operation and maintenance (in the English language); U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and services; expedited contractual award efforts; evaluation and tailoring solutions of technical issues; provide inputs to planning documents; integration, engineering, testing requirements, obsolescence remediation, equipment upgrades, planned product improvements, Integrated Logistic Support (ILS) management services, and Return, Repair and Reshipment of unserviceable repairable items/equipment; spare parts; Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) technical services; technical assistance and travel; OEM program management in the Continental U.S. (CONUS) and Greece; obsolescence driven upgrades; OEM/contractor upgrade program management; engineering analyses, studies and development/validation/test of upgrade solutions; retrofit kit procurement and subsequent installation; publications and Repair of Repairable efforts; Contractor Logistics Support to include Field Service Representative and/or Contractor provided inservice training; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$162.07 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO ally, which is an important partner for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Greece's capability to meet current and future threats by providing an effective combatant deterrent capability to protect maritime interests and infrastructure in support of its strategic location on NATO's southern flank. Follow-on support and sustainment of Greece's existing fleet of S-70 helicopters enhances stability and maritime security in the Eastern Mediterranean region and contribute to security and strategic objectives of NATO and the United States. Greece contributes to NATO operations, as well as to counterterrorism and counter-piracy maritime efforts and performs invaluable Search and Rescue (SAR) functions in the region. Greece will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment and services into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor will be Lockheed Martin, Bethesda, MD. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of any U.S. Government personnel but will require one (1) contractor representative, Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) position to Greece to continue follow-on support and sustainment to Greece's S-70B/S-70B6 helicopters.

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. The description and dollar value is for the highest estimated quantity and dollar value based on initial requirements. Actual dollar value will be lower depending on final requirements, budget authority, and signed sales agreement(s), if and when concluded.

All questions regarding this proposed Foreign Military Sale should be directed to the State Department's Bureau of Political Military Affairs, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, pm-cpa@state.gov.

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