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Germany - Tornado Aircraft Training and Logistics Support

WASHINGTON, June 16, 2011 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress Wednesday of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Germany for base services for its Tornado aircraft operations, including associated equipment, ammunition, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$300 million.

The Government of Germany has requested the continuation of base services for the German Air Force Tornado aircraft operations at Holloman Air Force Base (AFB), New Mexico. Base services provided will be for operations and logistics support including training, fuel, munitions, base operating support, and other related operational/logistics requirements. Munitions will include 720 MK 82, 135 MK 84, and 5 Target Drone BQM 167. The estimated cost is \$300 million.

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

Holloman AFB is the only location where the German Air Force trains aircrews in Tornado aircraft operations and tactics. These operations began at U.S. Air Force facilities in 1989.

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

There is no prime contractor involved in this program. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. government or contractor representatives to Germany.

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.