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The Government of Ghana – C-27J Aircraft and Related Support

WASHINGTON, September 9, 2009 – Today the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Ghana of four C-27J Joint Cargo aircraft, 10 AE-2100 engines, four AN/ALE-47 Countermeasures Dispensing Systems, four AN/ARC-210 Very High Frequency/Ultra High Frequency (VHF/UHF) Multimode Integrated Communication Systems without COMSEC, four AN/APX-119 Identification Friend or Foe Digital Transponders with mode 1,2,3a, 3c, commercial GPS navigation, VIP module and observation windows, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is \$680 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a U.S. Government partner which has been, and continues to be, an important force for political stability and democracy in Africa.

The proposed sale will allow Ghana to strengthen its homeland defense by improving its capability to deploy troops to protect its borders against turmoil spreading from neighboring countries. These aircraft will enhance Ghana's ability to participate in peacekeeping operations by increasing its cargo, material, and troop transport, maritime patrol, tactical operations, and medical evacuation capabilities.

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

The prime contractor will be L-3 Communications Integrated Systems of Greenville, TX. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require up to 14 U.S. government and contractor representatives to participate in bi-annual Program Management Reviews (PMR) in Ghana and the U.S.

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.

