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India – Logistic Support for P-3C Aircraft

On 14 November 2005, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to India of logistics support for two leased P-3C aircraft as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$133 million.

The Government of India has requested a possible sale of logistics support for two leased P-3C aircraft. Also included are training devices, support and test equipment, engineering technical services, supply support, operation and maintenance training, documentation, spare/repair parts, publications, personnel training, training equipment, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related support elements. The estimated cost is \$133 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of an important ally and to strengthen the U.S.-India strategic partnership, which continues to be an important force for political stability, peace, and economic progress in South Asia.

The two leased P-3 aircraft will replace two existing Indian Navy patrol aircraft, Soviet built IL-38 May aircraft, which are quickly reaching the end of their fatigue and operational service life. To maintain security, it is necessary that India replace these fixed-wing aircraft with an airborne operational capability for land-based maritime patrol and reconnaissance, including: economic exclusion zone surveillance and protection; command and control (C2); Anti-Submarine warfare; and anti-surface warfare. Modernization will enhance the capabilities of the Indian Navy, support its regional influence and meet its legitimate self-defense needs. India is capable of absorbing and maintaining these additional aircraft in its inventory.

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

The principal contractors will be:

Lockheed Martin	Eagan, Minnesota
Lockheed Martin Aircraft Center	Greenville, South Carolina
Logistics Support International, Inc.	Jacksonville, Florida

There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require technical assistance prior to the delivery of the first aircraft and continued involvement by U.S. and contractor representatives to India for three

years. Several U.S. Government and contractor representatives will travel to India for two-week intervals twice annually to participate in training, program management and technical reviews.

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; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.