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## **Netherlands – Logistics Support for F-16 Aircraft**

Washington, September 21, 2006 - The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Netherlands of logistics support for F-16 aircraft and related systems as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$150 million.

The Government of the Netherlands has requested a possible purchase of logistics support services/equipment for their F-16 aircraft including avionics/computer software support, aircraft engine services/modifications, publications and technical documentation, contractor technical services, spare and repair parts, depot level repair support and other related program elements of support to ensure aircraft operational availability. The estimated cost is \$150 million.

This proposed sale contributes to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the U.S. by improving the military capabilities of the Netherlands and enhancing standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces, as well as with the European Participating Group (EPG) countries in the F-16 Multi-National Fighter Program (MNFP).

The Netherlands needs this logistics support to maintain the operational level of its F-16 squadrons in support of organic and NATO mission commitments, such as its current operations in Afghanistan, continued contributions to the Global War on Terrorism, and possible future coalition operations. The Netherlands will have no difficulty absorbing these logistic support services and equipment.

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

The contractors expected to participate in this program are United Technologies Corporation, Pratt & Whitney, West Palm Beach, Florida; Lockheed Fort Worth Company, Fort Worth, Texas; and Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Baltimore, Maryland. There are no offset agreements proposed to be entered into in connection with this potential sale. 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 proposed sale may require the assignment of two U.S. Government personnel and one contractor representative to the Netherlands for a period of up to five years.

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.