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Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States – E-2T Retrofit Upgrade

WASHINGTON, October 3, 2008 – Today the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Taiwan of the upgrade of four E-2T Aircraft to the HAWKEYE 2000 configuration, as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$250 million.

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States has requested the upgrade of 4 E-2T Aircraft to the HAWKEYE 2000 configuration. The upgrade will include provisions for the Joint Tactical Information Distribution System, avionics, navigation and non-navigation upgrades, and aircraft electrical, mechanical, and survivability upgrades, all necessary hardware installations, support equipment, spares and repair parts, installation and training, publications and technical documents, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$250 million.

This proposed sale serves U.S. national economic and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

The recipient uses the aircraft to enhance its self-defense capabilities. The recipient has previously purchased E-2's and is updating these aircraft to meet the same configuration of the most recent purchase of E-2 HAWKEYE 2000 aircraft. This upgrade will simplify aircraft crew training, maintenance training and requirements, base-line spares, and increase safety of flight. The recipient will be able to effectively utilize the upgraded aircraft.

This sale is consistent with United States law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8. The U.S. is committed to providing military assistance under the terms of the Taiwan Relations Act.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of six contractor representatives to the recipient for a not to exceed five year period. The prime contractor will be Northrop Grumman Corporation, Bethpage, NY.

The purchaser requested offsets. At this time, agreements are undetermined and will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and contractor.

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.