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Poland Chooses the F-16 “Fighting Falcon”

On December 27th, 2002, the Government of Poland announced its selection of the F-16 Block 52 as its newest fighter aircraft. Poland’s decision to purchase forty-eight F-16 multi-role fighters, joining 23 other nations that fly the “Fighting Falcon,” opens many new avenues for U.S.-Polish cooperation. Not only will Poland’s choice enable the U.S. and Polish air forces to undertake joint training and share common tactics and doctrine, it will enable Poland to fully participate with the U.S. and NATO in regional and international coalition efforts.

By selecting the Advanced F-16 C/D Block 52, Poland ensures its air force will be equipped with the most capable multi-role fighter in NATO. Additional elements of the winning package include the most advanced U.S. weapons, U.S. Air Force training and long-term logistical support. The U.S. Government will provide a low-interest loan to help the Polish Government finance the purchase. Poland will also benefit from economic offsets arranged by the Lockheed Martin Industrial team, offering a blend of investment, transfer of the latest technology, exports, and marketing assistance for Polish products.

Poland’s decision will shape Polish national security in important ways for a generation and significantly strengthen the strategic political and military relationship between the U.S. and Poland.