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Egypt – E-2C Airborne Early Warning Command & Control Aircraft

WASHINGTON, October 19, 2007 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Egypt of E-2C Airborne Early Warning Command & Control Aircraft as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$75 million.

The Government of Egypt has requested a possible sale of 2 excess E-2C Airborne Early Warning (AEW) Command & Control aircraft, 2 excess spare T-56-A-425 engines, modifications, support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, maintenance, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics technical support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$75 million.

This proposed sale would contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East. This sale is consistent with these U.S. objectives and with the 1950 Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.

The Government of Egypt requires additional E-2C aircraft to strengthen AEW surveillance and enhanced command, control, and communications capabilities within its defense network. These aircraft will ensure enhanced fleet communications and interoperability. The Government of Egypt will have no difficulty absorbing the additional E-2C aircraft into its armed forces. The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation in Bethpage, New York. There are no offset agreements associated with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U. S. Government or contractor personnel in country.

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.