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<u>NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA) –</u> <u>C-17 Maintenance</u>

WASHINGTON, December 22, 2023 - The State Department has made a determination approving a possible Foreign Military Sale to the NATO Support and Procurement Agency of C-17 Maintenance and related equipment for an estimated cost of \$150 million. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency delivered the required certification notifying Congress of this possible sale today.

NATO Support and Procurement Agency as Lead Nation has requested to buy contractor logistics support for the C-17 Strategic Airlift Capability program; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$150 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) partners that are a force for political stability and economic progress in the North Atlantic region.

The proposed sale will improve NATO's capability to meet current and future threats by improving and maintaining a flexible strategic airlift capability. The multinational Heavy Airlift Wing already has C-17s in its inventory and will have no difficulty absorbing these additional services into its armed services.

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

The principal contractor will be The Boeing Company, Arlington, VA. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to NATO.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

The description and dollar value are for the highest estimated quantity and dollar value based on initial requirements. Actual dollar value will be lower depending on final requirements, budget authority, and signed sales agreement(s), if and when concluded.

All questions regarding this proposed Foreign Military Sale should be directed to the State Department's Bureau of Political Military Affairs, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, pm-cpa@state.gov.