

## **POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

### **Jordan – UH-60L BLACKHAWK Helicopters**

The Government of Jordan has requested a possible sale of eight UH-60L BLACKHAWK helicopters with T-700-GE-701C engines, four spare T-700-GE-701C engines, M130 chaff dispenser, receivers, spare and repair parts, gun pods, tools and support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government Quality Assurance Team (QAT), contractor engineering and technical support services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$220 million.

Proposed sale will enhance the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a key regional partner who has proven to be a vital force for political stability and peace in the Middle East.

This procurement will upgrade Jordan's air mobility capability and provide for the defense of vital installations and close air support for ground forces. Jordan will have no difficulty absorbing these helicopters into its armed forces.

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

The principle contractor will be United Technology, Sikorsky Aircraft of Stratford, Connecticut. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will require the assignment of several U.S. Government Quality Assurance Teams for one-week intervals, twice annually, to participate in program management and technical reviews. There will be several U.S. Army National Guard Personnel, for a month, and a contractor field service representative, for two years, in Jordan.

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

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Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer  
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)  
of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex  
Item No. vii

(vii) **Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The UH-60L BLACKHAWK helicopter is Unclassified. The highest level of classified information required to be released for training, operation and maintenance of the BLACKHAWK is Confidential. The highest level which could be revealed through reverse engineering or testing of the end item is Confidential.

2. A determination has been made that Jordan can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.