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Statement of the Secretary of National Defense on the Canadian Government’s order to review the Bell 412 Helicopter deal with the Philippines

The 16 brand new Bell 412 helicopters, which we are procuring for the Armed Forces of Philippines, will primarily be used for the transportation of personnel and supplies, ferrying wounded and injured soldiers, and the conduct of humanitarian assistance and disaster response (HADR) operations. They are not attack or close support aircraft. While they may be used in support of Internal Security Operations or ISO, their role is limited to those that I mentioned.

As its designation “Combat Utility Helicopter or CUH” connotes, the Bell CUH 412 is a utility helicopter and, contrary to what some parties mistakenly believe, its mission is to save lives.

Should the Canadian Government choose to discontinue their sale of the aircraft to us, then we will procure them from another source.

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