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Egypt - STINGER Block 1 Missiles

WASHINGTON, October 4, 2007 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Egypt of STINGER Block 1 Missiles as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$83 million.

The Government of Egypt has requested a possible sale of 164 STINGER Block 1 missiles configured for vehicle launch only, 12 fly-to-buy missiles, 25 AVENGERS, trainers, spares, engineering and technical assistance support, sentinel radars, SINCGAR radios, target/range/test support, containers, support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, training, U.S. Government Quality Assurance Teams' services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$83 million.

This proposed sale will 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.

Egypt will use the STINGER missiles to upgrade its air defense capability and will have no difficulty absorbing them into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Company of Tucson, Arizona. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of three Field Service Representatives for three years to assist the delivery and deployment of the missiles.

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.