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Israel – Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air (AMRAAM) Missiles

WASHINGTON, August 24, 2007 - The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Israel of AMRAAM missiles as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$171 million.

The Government of Israel has requested a possible sale of 200 AIM-120C-7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air (AMRAAM) missiles, containers, components, spare/repair parts, publications, documentation, personnel training, training equipment, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related support elements. The estimated cost is \$171 million.

Israel's strategic position makes it vital to the United States' interests throughout the Middle East. US policy has been to promote Middle East peace, support Israeli commitment to peace with other regional Arab countries, enhance regional stability, and promote Israeli readiness and self-sufficiency. It is vital to the U.S. national interests to assist Israel developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability. This proposed sale is consistent with those objectives.

Israel will maintain its qualitative edge with a balance of new weapons procurement and upgrades supporting its existing systems. Israel, which already has these munitions in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles.

The principal contractor will be: Raytheon Missile Systems Corporation, Tucson, AZ

There are no known offset agreements in connection with this proposed sale.

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

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.