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## Canada – Sale of TOW 2B Anti-Tank Missile Target Acquisition System

On 4 October, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Canada of TOW 2B anti-tank missile target acquisition systems, associated weapons and equipment, and technical and logistical support.

The Government of Canada has requested a possible sale for the components of the TOW Improved Target Acquisition System (ITAS): 75 TOW Target Acquisition System, 75 Fire Control Systems, support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, personnel training and equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services, a Quality Assurance Team, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$43 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Canada and further weapon system standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces.

Canada will use these ITAS components on their Light Armored Vehicles. The system will greatly enhance the coalition efforts within the region. Canada, which already has ITAS in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional components.

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

The prime contractor will be of Raytheon Corporation of McKinney, Texas. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of a U.S. Government Quality Assurance Team to Canada for a week to assist in the delivery and deployment of the missiles. Four contractor representatives will be required for two years to perform maintenance services.

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