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Taiwan – Sale of AGM-65G Maverick Missiles

On 5 September, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Taiwan of AGM-65G Maverick Missiles and associated items and services.

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States has requested a possible sale of 40 AGM-65G Maverick missiles, 48 LAU-117 launchers, 10 training missiles, containers, adapters, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, software support, maintenance and pilot training, publications and technical documents, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$18 million.

This sale is consistent with United States law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

These missiles will allow the recipient's F-16 aircraft to protect and defend its territory against amphibious assault. The AGM-65G's increased range relative to the AGM-65B will increase aircraft survivability. The recipient, which already has AGM-65B missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems Corporation of Tucson, Arizona. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of U.S. Government and contractor representatives for periodic intervals to assist in the training, operation, and maintenance of the missiles.

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

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