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## **United Kingdom – Sale of Javelin Anti-Tank Missiles**

On 4 October, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the United Kingdom of Javelin anti-tank missiles, associated weapons and equipment, and technical and logistical support.

The Government of United Kingdom has requested a possible sale of 550 JAVELIN anti-tank missile command launch units, simulators, 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 \$235 million.

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

This notification is transmitted in conjunction with Section 36(c) AECA notification of a commercial sale for JAVELIN anti-tank missile systems. The United Kingdom will use these JAVELIN anti-tank missile systems to enhance their medium anti-tank capability for the infantry, scouts, and combat engineers. This system will provide the United Kingdom a strong anti-landing capability and will increase interoperability with U.S. forces. The United Kingdom will have no difficulty absorbing these systems 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 JAVELIN Joint Venture (Raytheon and Lockheed Martin) of Orlando, Florida. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of two U.S. Government and one contractor representatives to the United Kingdom for one week to assist in 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.