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JORDAN—AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles

On 19 November 2004, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Jordan of 50 AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM), 51 LAU-129 Launch Rails, captive air training missiles, and associated support equipment estimated to cost up to \$39 million.

The Government of Jordan has requested a possible sale of 50 AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM), 51 LAU-129 Launch Rails, captive air training missiles, flight test instrumentation, software updates to support AMRAAM operational and training devices, missile containers, aircraft modification and integration, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, maintenance and pilot training, contractor support, other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is \$39 million.

The proposed sale will enhance the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a key regional partner who has proven to be a vital force for political stability and peace in the Middle East.

Jordan needs these missiles to enhance the air-to-air self-defense capability of its F-16 aircraft and provide for increased interoperability with U.S. forces. Jordan requires AMRAAM in order to perform air defense missions following installation of the mid-life update on its F-16 aircraft. Jordan will have no difficulty absorbing these missiles 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 Missile Systems of Tucson, Arizona. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Jordan.

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.