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Pakistan - TOW-2A Anti-Armor Guided Missiles

On 16 November 2004, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Pakistan of 2,000 TOW-2A missiles, 14 TOW-2A Fly-to-Buy missiles, as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$82 million.

The Government of Pakistan has requested a possible sale of 2,000 TOW-2A missiles, 14 TOW-2A Fly-to-Buy missiles, spare and repair parts, technical support, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, technical data and publications, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$82 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to furthering the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping a friendly country provide for its own legitimate self-defense needs and to enable Pakistan to support U.S. operations against terrorist activity along its porous borders. In addition, these missiles have most recently been employed in several global war on terrorism operations in the tribal areas of Pakistan and have allowed - when coupled with Cobra attack helicopters - the Government of Pakistan to employ new tactics, techniques and procedures that have proven highly effective against terrorists.

Pakistan will augment its land forces with these TOW-2A anti-armor guided missiles. Pakistan will use these missiles to increase its military defensive posture and will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles into its armed forces. Pakistan's existing inventory of TOW missiles will soon begin to be affected by its specified shelf life. While TOW missiles can be employed beyond their shelf life, system reliability and safety are eroded. Pakistan continues to expend TOW missiles in both training exercises and combat operations.

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

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Company in 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 any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Pakistan.

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.