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## **Turkey – AIM-9X SIDEWINDER Missiles**

On 7 October 2004, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Turkey of 225 AIM-9X SIDEWINDER Missiles, 5 AIM-9X Dummy Air Training Missiles, 20 AIM-9X Captive Air Training Missiles as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$96 million.

The Government of Turkey has requested a possible sale of 225 AIM-9X SIDEWINDER Missiles, 5 AIM-9X Dummy Air Training Missiles, 20 AIM-9X Captive Air Training Missiles, missile containers, missile modifications, test sets and support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, maintenance, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor representatives, contractor engineering and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$96 million.

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

The proposed sale of the AIM-9X SIDEWINDER missile systems is being addressed in conjunction with the planned modernization of their F-16 fighter aircraft. The missiles will significantly enhance the Turkish Air Force's current air-to-air intercept capability to equal capabilities within their region of operations. The Turkish Air Force has extensive experience operating the AIM-9M missile system with their F-16 aircraft and should have no difficulties incorporating this proposed upgraded weapon system into their forces. The missiles will be provided in accordance with, and subject to the limitation on use and transfer provided under the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, as embodied in the Letter of Offer and Acceptance. This proposed sale will improve Turkey's capacity to contribute to NATO operations and the Global War on Terrorism.

The proposed sale will not affect the basic military balance in the region or U.S. efforts to encourage a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus questions.

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Systems Corporation of Tucson, Arizona. Although generally the purchaser requires offsets, at this time, there are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

There will be up to three U.S. Government and contractor representatives on a temporary basis for in-country training over the life of the missile systems.

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.