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United Kingdom - Follow-On Support for Tomahawk Weapon System (TWS)

WASHINGTON, December 10, 2007 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the United Kingdom of follow-on support for the Tomahawk Weapon System (TWS) as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$122 million.

The United Kingdom has requested a possible sale of follow-on support for the Tomahawk Weapon System (TWS) to include missile modifications, maintenance, spare and repair parts, system and test equipment, engineering support, communications equipment, technical assistance, personnel training/equipment, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$122 million.

The United Kingdom requests these capabilities to provide for the defense of deployed troops, regional security, and interoperability with the United States. This program will increase the United Kingdom's ability to contribute to future NATO, coalition, and anti-terrorism operations. The United Kingdom is a major political and economic power in NATO and Europe, and a critical ally of the United States. British troops are deployed in support of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, where U.S. assets currently employ these TWS capabilities.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region. The United Kingdom will have no difficulty absorbing this follow-on support into its armed forces.

The principal contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems, 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 U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the United Kingdom.

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.