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United Kingdom – Sale of Tomahawk Cruise Missiles

On 17 October, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the United Kingdom of Tomahawk Block III land attack missiles and associated equipment and services.

The Government of the United Kingdom has requested a possible sale of 48 conventionally armed TOMAHAWK BLOCK III Land Attack Missiles (TLAM), containers, engineering technical assistance, spare and repair parts, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$87 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the military capabilities of the United Kingdom and enhancing weapon system standardization and interoperability of this important NATO ally.

The United Kingdom needs these missiles to augment their present operational inventory and to enhance their submarine launched capability. The missiles will enhance the United Kingdom's operational effectiveness in support of NATO. The United Kingdom, which already has TOMAHAWK missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles.

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 Company of Tucson, Arizona. There are no 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 and contractor representatives to the United Kingdom.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.