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## **Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States - KIDD Class Guided Missile Destroyers**

On 21 November, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States of KIDD Class Guided Missile Destroyers, SM-2 Block IIIA STANDARD missiles, RGM-84L BLOCK II HARPOON Missiles as well as associated equipment and services.

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States has requested a possible sale of 4 KIDD Class Guided Missile Destroyers, 248 SM-2 Block IIIA STANDARD missiles, 32 RGM-84L BLOCK II HARPOON Missiles, shipyard/port support services and post transfer activities relating to "cold ship" turnover of 4 KIDD Class destroyers from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel support services, repair and calibration services for shipboard equipment, design/construction/upgrade of shipyard maintenance and docking facilities, publications and technical data/drawings, personnel training and training equipment, support equipment, spare and repair parts and other elements of logistics necessary to prepare the destroyers for transfer to Taiwan in a "Safe to Steam" condition with all shipboard and weapon systems operational. The estimated cost is \$875 million.

This sale is consistent with United States law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

The recipient needs these KIDD Class destroyers as well as the weapons and ammunition to continue its naval modernization program and enhance its Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) capability. The recipient already has HARPOON missiles and STANDARD missiles in its weapon inventory.

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

The principal contractors will be: BAV, Division of VAE in Alexandria, Virginia; Raytheon Surface Navy Air Defense System in Tucson, Arizona; and the Boeing Company in St. Louis, Missouri. 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 or contractor representatives for extended periods of time in support of this transfer.

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.