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Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States AIM-9M-1/2 Missiles

On 4 September, 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 AIM-9M-1/2 Sidewinder air-to-air missiles as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$36 million.

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States has requested a possible sale of 182 AIM-9M-1/2 Sidewinder air-to-air missiles, missile containers, test sets and support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and support services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$36 million.

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

The recipient will replace its existing AIM-9S missiles and maintain its current air-to-air defensive capability. Recipient, which already has AIM-9 missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these items.

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

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Systems Corporation in Tucson, Arizona. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require temporary travel to the recipient for in-country training. Training will be a recurring requirement during 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.