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Republic of Korea – Standard Missiles and Rolling Airframe Missiles

On 3 June 2004, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Republic of Korea of Standard missiles and Rolling Airframe Missiles as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$403 million.

The Republic of Korea has requested a possible sale of 159 SM-2 Block IIIA Standard missiles with MK 13 Mod 0 canisters, 130 Rolling Airframe Missiles with MK 8 launching containers, spare and repair parts, supply support, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, contractor engineering services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$403 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in Northeast Asia.

Korea will use these missiles as the primary defensive system aboard the KDX-II destroyer class and LPX Amphibious ships for anti-missile ship protection. Korea will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles into its armed forces.

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 Company of Tucson, Arizona. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

There will be three U.S. Government representatives for nine months following the delivery of the missiles to Korea.

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.