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Turkey – ex USS FLATLEY (FFG-21) Guided Missile Frigate

On 10 July, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible lease / sale of a guided missile frigate to the Turkish Navy.

The Government of Turkey has requested a possible combined lease/sale arrangement of one FFG-7 OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class guided missile frigate ex-FLATLEY (FFG-21), one MK 15 MOD 0 Close-in Weapons Systems, one MK 15 MOD 0 76mm gun mount, one MK 13 MOD 4 guided missile launch system, sonobuoys and other related ammunition items, and other elements of logistics necessary to prepare the frigates for transfer to Turkey in a “Safe to Steam” condition with all shipboard and weapon systems operational. The estimated cost is \$28 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Turkey, while enhancing weapon system standardization and interoperability.

Turkey already has seven U.S. Navy PERRY class frigates in its Navy fleet. Turkey needs these frigates to continue its naval modernization program and enhance its Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) capability. The frigates will be provided in accordance with, and subject to the limitation on use and transfer provided under the Arms Export Control Act, as embodied in the terms of sale. This sale will not adversely affect either the military balance in the region or U.S. efforts to encourage a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus question.

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

The PERRY vessel will be transferred on a "hot ship" basis. The primary effort for transfer will be completed through the Naval Sea Systems Command. There are no prime contractors for provision of the weapon systems applicable to this platform. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

The U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics in-country personnel requirements will be determined following consultations with representatives of the Turkish navy.

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