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Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States – Multifunctional Information Distribution Systems (MIDS)

WASHINGTON, January 29, 2010 – Today the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States of 35 Multifunctional Information Distribution Systems Low Volume Terminals (MIDS/LVT-1), 25 MIDS On Ships Terminals and other related equipment and support. The estimated cost is \$340 million.

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States has requested a possible sale of 35 Multifunctional Information Distribution Systems Low Volume Terminals (MIDS/LVT-1), 25 MIDS On Ships Terminals, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, training personnel training and training equipment, repair and return, software and hardware updates, publications and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor engineering services, technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is \$340 million.

This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and enhance its defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

This proposed sale will use these systems to improve and integrate the recipient's information flow, and display of tactical aircraft, surface ships, and ground stations. The recipient will use the enhanced capability as a deterrent to regional threats and to strengthen its homeland defense. The recipient will have no difficulty absorbing these additional terminals into its inventory.

This sale is consistent with United States law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8. The U.S. is committed to providing military assistance under the terms of the Taiwan Relations Act.

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

The prime contractor will be selected through a competitive procurement conducted by the U.S. Government in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple trips involving U.S. Government and contractor representatives to participate in training, program management, and technical reviews.

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

The proposed sale of this weapon system will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law and does not mean the sale has been concluded.