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Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States – RTM-84L and ATM-84L HARPOON Block II Telemetry Missiles

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 10 RTM-84L HARPOON Block II Telemetry missiles, 2 ATM-84L HARPOON Block II Telemetry missiles, and other related equipment and services. The estimated cost is \$37 million.

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States has requested the possible sale of 10 RTM-84L HARPOON Block II Telemetry missiles; 2 ATM-84L HARPOON Block II Telemetry missiles; containers; training devices; spare and repair parts; supply/technical support; support equipment; personnel training and training equipment; technical data and publications; U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$37 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.

The proposed sale will improve the recipient's capability to meet current and future threats of hostile surface ship operations. The recipient, which already has HARPOON missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles.

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 affect the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be The McDonnell Douglas Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Boeing Company in St. Louis, Missouri. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government personnel or contractor representatives to the recipient.

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 and does not mean the sale has been concluded.