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ISRAEL – TOW 2A Anti-Armor Missiles

On 27 June, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Israel of TOW 2A Anti-armor missiles and associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$80 Million.

The Government of Israel has requested a possible sale of 2,030 tube-launched, optically-tracked, wire-guided TOW 2A missiles; publications and logistics support; and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$80 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 that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

Israel will augment their land forces with these TOW 2A anti-armor guided missiles. The proposed sale of the missiles will not affect the basic military balance in the region and will provide the Government of Israel a formidable defensive system for their use against armor, combat vehicles and other maneuverable elements.

The prime contractor will be the Raytheon Corporation of Tucson, Arizona.

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

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government and contractor representatives to Israel.

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.