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HUNGARY – AIM-9M-8/9 Sidewinder Missiles

On 30 September 2002, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Hungary of AIM-9M-8/9 Sidewinder Missiles as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$55 million.

The Government of the Republic of Hungary has requested a possible sale of 160 AIM-9M-8/9 Sidewinder missiles, training missiles, All-Up-Round containers, software integration, test and tool sets, support equipment, maintenance facilities, spare and repair parts, personnel training and equipment, publications, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$55 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Hungary and furthering weapon system standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces. These missiles will enhance the Hungarian Air Force's air-to-air intercept defensive capability.

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

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of several U.S. Government and contractor representatives for one-week intervals to participate in program reviews and technical reviews to Hungary.

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.