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Egypt – HELLFIRE II Air-to-Surface Anti-Armor Missiles

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 2009 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress today of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Egypt of 450 AGM-114K3A HELLFIRE II missiles and associated parts, equipment, training and logistical support for a complete package worth approximately \$51 million.

The Government of Egypt has requested a possible sale of 450 AGM-114K3A HELLFIRE II missiles, spare and repair parts, test and tool sets, personnel training and equipment, publications, a U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$51 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 which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

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Egypt needs these missiles in order to defend its own borders and to remain militarily viable in the region. The proposed sale of HELLFIRE missiles will greatly improve Egypt's defense posture. The missiles will be provided in accordance with, and subject to the limitation on use and transfer provided under the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, as embodied in the Letter of Offer and Acceptance.

Egypt, which already has AGM-114K HELLFIRE missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing the additional missiles.

This proposed sale will not adversely affect the military balance in the region.

The prime contractor is HELLFIRE Limited LLC.

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

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.