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**Finland – Reprogrammable Micro-Processor (RMP) Block 1 Anti-Aircraft
Missiles**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31, 2011 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress Oct. 28 of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Finland for 600 STINGER-Reprogrammable Micro-Processor (RMP) Block 1 Anti-Aircraft missiles and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$330 million.

The Government of Finland has requested a possible sale of 600 STINGER-Reprogrammable Micro-Processor (RMP) Block 1 Anti-Aircraft missiles, 10 STINGER Block 1 Production Verification Flight Test missiles, 110 Gripstock Block 1 Control Groups, 1827 Battery Coolant Units, 16 Tracking Head Trainers (THT), 50 Field Handling Trainers (FHT), 2 GCU-31A/E Gas Charging Units, 110 Night Sights, 1 STINGER Troop Proficiency Trainer, 1 Launch Simulator, 16 THT metal containers, 16 FHT metal containers, refurbishment, upgrades, spare and repair parts, tools and tool sets, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$330 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 economic progress in Northern Europe.

This proposed sale will enable Finland to modernize its armed forces and enhance its existing air defense architecture to counter threats posed by air attack. The proposed sale will provide Finland a defensive capability while enhancing interoperability with the U.S. and other allied forces. Finland will have no difficulty absorbing this additional capability into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems in Tucson, Arizona. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require 10 U.S. Government or contractor representatives to travel to Finland for a period of eight weeks for equipment checkout and training.

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.