

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Qatar – AN/AAQ-24(V) NEMESIS Directional Infrared Countermeasures System

The Government of Qatar has requested a possible sale of one AN/AAQ-24(V) NEMESIS Directional Infrared Countermeasures System which consists of three small laser turret assemblies, six missile warning sensors, one system processor, one control indicator unit, and two signal repeaters. Also included, associated support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications, personnel training and training equipment, technical assistance, contractor technical and logistics personnel services and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$61 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.

Qatar will install the AN/AAQ-24(V) NEMESIS system on a new Airbus 340-500. They will use the system for the movement and protection of their “Head of State”. Qatar will have no difficulty absorbing this system into its armed forces.

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

The exact contractor is unknown at this time but may involve Northrop-Grumman Corporation of Los Angeles, California and Boeing Corporation of Chicago, Illinois. Additional subcontractors may be needed depending on the exact nature of the contracting arrangements established. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this proposed sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of ten each U.S. Government and contractor representatives for one-week intervals annually to participate in program management and technical review.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.