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**Republic of Korea – KDX-II Class Destroyers Product
Improvement Program**

WASHINGTON, December 16, 2024 - The State Department has made a determination approving a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Republic of Korea of KDX-II Class Destroyers Product Improvement Program and related elements of logistics and program support for an estimated cost of \$300 million. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency delivered the required certification notifying Congress of this possible sale today.

The Republic of Korea (ROK) has requested to buy modified MK 99 fire control system (FCS) cabinets; updated Weapon Direct System (WDS) software modification, integration, and installation; publications and technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$300 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a major ally.

The proposed sale will improve the ROK's capability to perform anti-surface and anti-air warfare missions. The ROK will use the enhanced capability as a deterrent to regional threats and to strengthen its homeland defense. This upgrade does not provide any additional capabilities, but ensures the ship class remains operationally viable in light of obsolescence issues with current hardware and required software fixes.

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

The principal contractors will include BAE Systems, Inc., Integrated Defense Solutions, located in Rockville, MD. Additional contractors will be determined by competition to select approved vendors. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of the proposed sale will require eight U.S. Government and twenty contractor personnel to visit the ROK on a temporary basis in conjunction with program technical oversight and support requirements, including program and technical reviews, as well as to provide installation and training support in country.

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

The description and dollar value are for the highest estimated quantity and dollar value based on initial requirements. Actual dollar value will be lower depending on final requirements, budget authority, and signed sales agreement(s), if and when concluded.

All questions regarding this proposed Foreign Military Sale should be directed to the State Department's Bureau of Political Military-Affairs, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, pm-cpa@state.gov.