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Statement Regarding Agreement between the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Italy for the development of the High Speed Anti-Radiation Missile (HARM) upgrade, known as the AGM-88E Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missile (AARGM). Signed at Rome and Washington October 24 and November 15, 2005. Entered into force November 15, 2005.

Explanation of Agreement:

This agreement refers to the AGM-88E Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missile (AARGM). The AGM-88E AARGM program is designed to upgrade the AGM-88 High Speed Anti-Radiation Missile's (HARM) capability to suppress and destroy current and projected enemy radar-directed air defense elements and integrated air defense systems that employ countermeasures and such tactics as emission control.

Legal Authority:

The authorization to enter into this Agreement can be found in the President's Constitutional authority as Chief Executive to conduct the foreign relations of the United States, as well as his authority as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, (Article II, Sections 1 and 2); Section 27 of the Arms Export Control Act; also, 10 U.S.C. 5013, 10 U.S.C. 5062 and 10 U.S.C. 7203.

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