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SUBJECT: Rollout of First Sea-Based Missile Defense Interceptor

- Although much attention has been paid to the ground-based interceptors being installed in Alaska and California, we are progressing steadily on sea-based missile defenses as well.
- On 22 October, Raytheon is holding a "roll-out" ceremony in Tucson, Arizona to mark completion of the first deployable Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) seabased interceptor, which will eventually be loaded onto our Aegis ships.
- The Missile Defense Agency expects to have 5 SM-3's that could be used in an emergency completed by the end of the year.

## **COORDINATION:**

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