

Chilean Defence Acquisition System –Decision making future challenges

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Capabilities development is a very complex process that involves interactions between industrial suppliers of goods and services with multiple government offices often trying to balance competing objectives. The big dilemma is: How governments acquire the equipment, goods, and services needed for their armed forces at a reasonable price, appropriate quality, and with a reasonable time frame? Nevertheless, the defence acquisition system is in a perpetual state of reform; there is no evidence of improved acquisition outcomes. In this context, South America has been one of the regions worldwide that have had a considerable increase in the evolution of its defence spending, with Chile being one of the countries with the largest budget and spending at the regional level, mainly due to its economic bonanza as a result of the historical copper prices. This leads to the question: Was the Chilean procurement system preparing to absorb this high demand? What changes were necessary to implement to deal efficiently? and finally, what are the future challenges and opportunities that the Chilean defence procurement system will have to face?

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