LEONARDO TO EXHIBIT AT THE FIDAE AIR SHOW, LOOKING TO LATIN AMERICA AS A SUSTAINABLE GROWTH MARKET

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- **On display will be two Peruvian Air Force C-27J aircraft and a Carabineros de Chile AW139 helicopter**
- **A new Leonardo office has opened in Santiago**

Leonardo is ready to attend **FIDAE 2018**, one of the most important Aerospace, Defence and Security exhibitions in South America, which opens its doors on the 3rd April in **Santiago, Chile**. Looking to grow its business in Latin America, **Leonardo** (stand B44) will be exhibiting a range of products that can meet the needs of the armed forces of **Chile**and other Latin American nations as well as those of commercial helicopter operators.

Leonardo will be showcasing several of its rotorcraft for military and commercial customers including the **medium-heavy three-engine AW101** and the **single-engine AW119Kx** helicopters. An intermediate twin-engine AW139 helicopter operated by the **Carabineros de Chile** will be exhibited in its law enforcement configuration in the customers' static display area. With over 20 helicopters in service in Chile including the **AW119**, **AW109**, **AW139** and **W-3A Sokol** models, and over 400 military and civil helicopters operational in the wider region, **Leonardo** is a major force in the helicopter sector. The Company's helicopters are used for a wide range of applications including naval roles, law enforcement and homeland security, emergency medical service, search and rescue, firefighting and disaster relief, utility, VVIP-VIP/corporate and offshore transport.

FIDAE Air Show will also host two **Peruvian Air Force** **C-27Js**, a type chosen by the customer for its ability to operate safely and efficiently from high altitude, unprepared airstrips in the Andes and from local airfields. One of the key roles of the **C-27J** is the efficient and cost effective delivery of humanitarian aid. The **C-27J** allows Armed Forces to rapidly deliver aid, cargo and vehicles for emergencies, in all weather conditions, night and day, to any geographical location (including the Andes, the Antarctic and the Chilean Pacific Islands), all the while providing a high level of safety for the crew and passengers.

Leonardo has been present in Latin America since the 1930s, with its fixed-wing trainers present in the region since the '60s. All South American countries have operated Siai Marchetti or Aermacchi (both now Leonardo) trainers and fighter-bombers, used with great success in defence and security operations. **Leonardo**'s trainers meet requirements across the region and the new **M-345** and **M-346 Fighter Attack** aircraft perfectly match the needs of several Latin American air forces due to their low acquisition and operational costs compared with other basic-advanced trainers and for their high performance versus other air policing/airspace control aircraft.

Leonardo has contributed to the security of **Chile** by providing the Armed Forces with world-leading electronic systems and sensors. The Company has delivered land communications equipment to **Chile** for many decades. To meet new net-centric requirements and to improve effectiveness of joint operations, **Leonardo** has developed new **SDR** (Software Defined Radio) communication systems for soldiers and tactical vehicle systems that will be showcased alongside the Company's hand-held IR camera.

Its experience and expertise in the field of electronics, defence and security systems makes **Leonardo** a leader in the domain, able to provide solutions such as the **Falco Evo Remotely-Piloted Air System** (RPAS), which can carry multiple sensors to provide persistent surveillance. Other technologies on-show include an Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) system which meets the new Mode 5 standard, the future NATO and allied forces baseline which will replace Mode 4 by 2020, and the readily-exportable **Miysis Directed Infra-Red Counter Measure**(DIRCM) system, which provides protection for airborne platforms against heat-seeking missiles.

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