

**A Comparative Atlas
of Defence
in Latin America**

2 0 0 8 E D I T I O N



Red de Seguridad y Defensa de América Latina

Donadio, Marcela

A comparative Atlas of Defence in Latin America : 2008 edition / Marcela Donadio and Maria de la Paz Tibiletti ; project managed by Marcela Donadio. – 1st ed. - Buenos Aires : Ser en el 2000, 2008.
312 p. ; 30x21 cm.

ISBN 978-987-21725-7-2

1. Defensa-América Latina. I. Tibiletti, Maria de la Paz II. Donadio, Marcela, coord. III. Título
CDD 327.1

Cataloguing Date: 04/08/2008

■ *Project Management*

Marcela Donadio
Paz Tibiletti

■ *General Coordination*

Gustavo Fabián Castro

■ *Electronic Edition*

María Teresa Vera

■ *Management Assistant*

Samanta Kussrow

■ *Researchers*

Dolores Bermeo Lara
Cecilia Mazzotta
Gonzalo Serra

■ *Research Assistants*

Ivette Castañeda
Andrea Chiappini
Verónica Devesa
Ana Laura García
Nayla Garreta
Angela Moreira Domingues da Silva
Paula Ocampos
Nathalie Pabon Ayala

■ *Academic Consultancy*

Juan Rial

■ *Translators*

Clarisa Korovsky
Romina Merlo
Leonardo Nacimiento

■ *Graphic Design*

Rubén Longas

◆ RESDAL

Red de Seguridad y Defensa de América Latina
<http://www.resdal.org>
Executive Secretariat:
Av Corrientes 1785 – 5 J
(1042) Buenos Aires, Argentina
Tel: (5411) 4371-3822
Fax: (5411) 4371-5522

Copyright SER en el 2000

Legal deposit has been made as provided by law
Printed in Argentina

This publication received the support from



Contribution for the English Edition



Table of Contents

Foreword	7
<i>Marcela Donadio and Paz Tibiletti</i>	

THE REGION

Considering the Region

A Silent Security "System" for a Discordant Hemisphere	12
<i>Hal Klepak</i>	
Confidence and Security Building Measures as an Instrument for Peace and Stability	18
<i>Francisco Rojas Aravena</i>	
Latin American Civil-Military Relations in the 21st Century	21
<i>Louis Goodman</i>	
The Modernization Processes: Institutions and Defence Mission	24
<i>Gustavo Suárez Pertierra</i>	
CHAPTER 1: The Legal Framework	27
<i>Analysis / Trends of Military Justice in Latin America</i>	42
<i>Juan Rial</i>	
CHAPTER 2: The Budgets	47
<i>Analysis / Reserved Expenses</i>	50
<i>Carlos Wellington Leite de Almeida</i>	
CHAPTER 3: Political Definitions	53
<i>Analysis / Defence and Security</i>	59
<i>Héctor Saint Pierre</i>	
CHAPTER 4: Congressional Powers	63
<i>Analysis / Political Parties and Defence in Latin America</i>	67
<i>Luis Tibiletti</i>	
CHAPTER 5: System Organization	71
<i>Analysis / The Advances in the Defence Sector</i>	74
<i>Jaime García Covarrubias</i>	
CHAPTER 6: The Ministries of Defence.	79
<i>Analysis / The Ministries of Defence in the Americas: the Time for Transformation</i>	83
<i>Guillermo Pacheco Gaitán</i>	
CHAPTER 7: Defence Education	87
<i>Analysis / A Democratic Defence Education</i>	91
<i>Rut Diamint</i>	
CHAPTER 8: The Armed Forces	95
<i>Analysis / Cooperation and Collaboration in the Hemisphere: Lessons Noted in Peace Missions</i>	100
<i>Margaret Daly Hayes</i>	

THE COUNTRIES

CHAPTER 9: Argentina	106
<i>Analysis / Human Rights and Defence in Argentina</i>	115
<i>Jaime Garreta</i>	
CHAPTER 10: Bolivia	118
<i>Analysis / The Armed Forces in Bolivia: the Challenge of Change</i>	127
<i>Loreta Tellería Escobar</i>	
CHAPTER 11: Brazil	132
<i>Analysis / National Defence: Actors and Policy</i>	141
<i>Eliézer Rizzo de Oliveira</i>	
CHAPTER 12: Chile	144
<i>Analysis / Modernization of the Ministry of Defence</i>	153
<i>Claudio Ortiz Lazo</i>	
CHAPTER 13: Colombia	156
<i>Analysis / The Colombian Singularity: Armed Forces and Internal Security</i>	165
<i>Alejo Vargas Velásquez</i>	
CHAPTER 14: Dominican Republic	168
<i>Analysis / The Armed Forces of the Dominican Republic</i>	176
<i>Lilían Bobea</i>	
CHAPTER 15: Ecuador	180
<i>Analysis / Ecuador: Transformation of Defence and Restructuring of the Armed Forces</i>	189
<i>Pablo Celi</i>	
CHAPTER 16: El Salvador	194
<i>Analysis / Peace Accords and Armed Forces in El Salvador: Sixteen Years Later</i>	203
<i>Antonio Martínez-Uribe</i>	
CHAPTER 17: Guatemala	206
<i>Analysis / The Defence Reform in Guatemala</i>	215
<i>Iduvina Hernández</i>	
CHAPTER 18: Honduras	218
<i>Analysis / Civilian Management and Control: A Democratic Challenge</i>	227
<i>Leticia Salomón</i>	
CHAPTER 19: Mexico	230
<i>Analysis / The Mexican Armed Forces: Challenges and Structures in the Face of Democracy</i>	239
<i>Raúl Benítez Manaut</i>	
CHAPTER 20: Nicaragua	244
<i>Analysis / Nicaragua: Reform and Challenges of the Defence Sector</i>	252
<i>Roberto J. Cajina</i>	
CHAPTER 21: Paraguay	256
<i>Analysis / The Process of Creation of a Defence Policy in Paraguay</i>	265
<i>Juan Francisco Facetti</i>	
CHAPTER 22: Peru	268
<i>Analysis / Confidence-Building Measures, the Road to Peace</i>	277
<i>José Robles Montoya</i>	
CHAPTER 23: Uruguay	280
<i>Analysis / The National Debate on Defence</i>	289
<i>Félix Besio</i>	
CHAPTER 24: Venezuela	292
<i>Analysis / The National Armed Force and the Defence Sector in times of the Bolivarian Revolution</i>	301
<i>Rocío San Miguel</i>	
CHAPTER 25: Special Report: Peace Operations and Cooperation in Latin America: Haiti	305
<i>Analysis/ Latin America's Commitmen</i>	308
<i>Johanna Mendelson Forman</i>	