

Leonardo-Finmeccanica demonstrates C-27J capabilities in Latin America

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- **High mountain operations, unpaved strips, hot and deep cold environments are a perfect match for the C-27J**
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Rome, 14 November 2016 – A Leonardo-Finmeccanica multi-mission C-27J Spartan aircraft began a tour today that will demonstrate its capabilities to a number of Latin American countries. The aircraft will travel the length of the continent from north to south, from Panama to La Paz, Buenos Aires and on to Argentina's Antarctic Air Base of Marambio.

The tour will expose the C-27J to the region's diverse and extreme weather conditions and terrain, to demonstrate not only its robustness and versatility, but also the reliability and proficiency required by such different territories, all characteristics to safely operate in a difficult scenario and already demonstrated in Mexico and Peru. Unlike its competitors in the same class, the C-27J Spartan is designed to respond to military specifications and compared to its competitors, enjoys the advantage of greater speed, the capacity to fly with heavy payload at high altitude and with a longer range, all factors that make it a perfect solution for the wide range of military requirements in Latin America. All this is in addition to its unique safety record and ability to land on different types of land strips, in all weather conditions.

Umberto Rossi, Leonardo-Finmeccanica Aircraft Division Head of Marketing and Sales, said: "Latin America is a very significant environment for our C-27J, for both military and humanitarian support roles. We believe that the Spartan aircraft, in both cargo and special version configurations, is an excellent solution for several Armed Forces in the region, as a result of its versatility and operational capabilities, which complies well with the demanding "geography" and long distances of the Latin America region. The C-27J has lower operating costs and higher cargo productivity than similar aircraft."

The C-27J Spartan is a new generation tactical airlifter with great market success, with 82 aircraft already under contract with 14 operators across five continents. In Latin America the C-27J is already operated by Mexican and Peruvian Air Forces. In the USA the C-27J is operated by the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Special Operations Command of the Army. The latest C-27J customer is Slovakia. Other customers include Australia, Italy, Greece, Romania, Morocco, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Chad and an undisclosed African country.

Note to editors

The C-27J Spartan is a twin-turboprop tactical airlifter with state of the art technologies in avionics, propulsion system and other on-board systems. Thanks to its very versatile design, the C-27J is ideal for roles including troop and materials transport, medical evacuation, paratroops and materials airdrops, search and rescue (SAR), logistic supply, humanitarian support, firefighting and civil emergency operations support. Purpose-designed kits also allow ISR, ISTAR, Maritime Patrol, Search and Rescue, Tactical Support, VIP transport and other missions. The C-27J has a large cargo box, capable of supporting almost 5 tons per sqm. The aircraft can carry pallets or platforms weighing up to 4,550-6,000 kilos, or 60 equipped soldiers, 46 fully equipped paratroops, 36 stretchers or other combinations up to 30,500 kilos maximum takeoff weight. The aircraft can operate from airstrips under 500 metres long. The two Rolls Royce AE2100-D2/D2A engines are rated at 4,650 SHP. To increase safety and reliability, the avionics architecture is fully redundant and guarantees excellent performance and low pilot workload in whatever environmental condition and all operational theatres. Optional systems include air-to-air refueling, self-protection and head-up displays.