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## **Peruvian Navy Carries Out Record Breaking Launch of MBDA Otomat Anti-Ship Missile**

On 8th December the Peruvian Navy successfully launched an Otomat missile from the Aguirre frigate, hitting a target at a range in excess of 150 kilometers. The launch, which confirmed the performance and reliability of the Otomat missile, was carried out at the Cruz de Hueso firing test range. The Peruvian Minister of Defence, Antero Flores-Araoz, was present at the launch expressed his satisfaction with the missile and the Navy's performance.

The Otomat firing formed part of the "Angamos" exercise and was intended to be particularly challenging for the Peruvian Navy. The challenge lay in the fact that it was the first launch carried out at such a distance and represented an absolute record for a South American Navy. The Otomat missile carried out its mission successfully, hitting the target as intended by the launch plan.

In addition to the Peruvian Minister of Defence, the Chief of Defence Staff, Admiral Josè Aste Daffòs, and the Army Chief of Staff, General Otto Guibovich Arteaga, were also present along with the Navy Staff. They all congratulated MBDA staff on the support they provided to the missile launch.

Fabrizio Giulianini, Managing Director of MBDA Italy and MBDA Executive Group Director Sales & Business Development stated: "With this launch in South America, the Otomat is once again at the top of its category in the anti-ship missile sector, offering interesting sales opportunities in those countries that already have this weapon system and in those that would like to have such a reliable system with proven operating capabilities in their weapon inventory".

Over 1,000 Otomat missiles have been sold to several Navies around the world. Its configuration with a turbo jet engine and its long range allow the missile to go over the radar horizon and make the Otomat the ideal anti-ship system. Furthermore, MBDA has just completed a programme which has resulted in the total digitalization of the missile. This will allow the missile to face the operating requirements of the near future in a "blue and brown waters" context as well as adding a land attack capability.

MBDA has completely updated the missile and provided it with a digital standard. This involves all the on-board electronics as well as the mission management system which will now allow multiple three-dimensional way points to be included. As a result of this development work, the new standard, the Otomat MK2 Block IV, will be in the product range for the next twenty years.

### **Notes to editors**

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missiles and missile systems.

MBDA is the only group capable of designing and producing missiles and missile systems that correspond to the full range of current and future operational needs of the three armed forces (land, sea and air). In total, the group offers a range of 45 missile systems and countermeasures products already in operational service and more than 15 others currently in development.

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