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**Table 3.3.** The 15 countries with the highest military expenditure in 2012

Spending figures are in US\$, at current prices and exchange rates. Countries are ranked according to military spending calculated using market exchange rates (MER).

Rank 2012 (2011)	Country	Spending (\$ b., MER)	Change, 2003–12 (%)	Share of GDP (%) <sup>a</sup>		World share (%)	Spending (\$ b., PPP) <sup>b</sup>
				2012	2003		
1 (1)	USA	682	32	4.4	3.7	39	682
2 (2)	China	[166]	175	[2.0]	[2.1]	[9.5]	[249]
3 (3)	Russia	[90.7]	113	[4.4]	[4.3]	[5.2]	[116]
4 (5)	UK	60.8	4.9	2.5	2.5	3.5	57.5
5 (6)	Japan	59.3	-3.6	1.0	1.0	3.4	46.0
<b>Subtotal top 5</b>		<b>1 059</b>				<b>60</b>	
6 (5)	France	58.9	-3.3	2.3	2.6	3.4	50.7
7 (8)	Saudi Arabia	56.7	111	8.9	8.7	3.2	63.9
8 (7)	India	46.1	65	2.5	2.8	2.6	119
9 (9)	Germany	[45.8]	-1.5	[1.4]	1.4	[2.6]	[42.8]
10 (11)	Italy	[34.0]	-19	1.7	2.0	1.9	31.0
<b>Subtotal top 10</b>		<b>1 301</b>				<b>74</b>	
11 (10)	Brazil	33.1	56	[1.5]	1.5	[1.9]	[34.4]
12 (12)	South Korea	31.7	44	2.7	2.5	1.8	44.2
13 (13)	Australia	26.2	29	1.7	1.9	1.5	16.3
14 (14)	Canada	[22.5]	36	[1.3]	1.1	[1.3]	[18.3]
15 (15)	Turkey <sup>c</sup>	[18.2]	-2.1	2.3	3.4	[1.0]	[25.9]
<b>Subtotal top 15</b>		<b>1 432</b>				<b>82</b>	
<b>World</b>		<b>1 753</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>100</b>	

[ ] = estimated figure; GDP = gross domestic product; PPP = purchasing power parity.

<sup>a</sup> The figures for national military expenditure as a share of GDP are based on estimates for 2012 GDP from the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) World Economic Outlook database, Oct. 2012.

<sup>b</sup> The figures for military expenditure at PPP exchange rates are estimates based on the projected implied PPP conversion rates for each country from the IMF World Economic Outlook database, Oct. 2012.

<sup>c</sup> It is possible that the United Arab Emirates (UAE) would be in 15<sup>th</sup> position in place of Turkey, but data is not available for the UAE in 2012. In 2011, the UAE's military spending (in current prices) was estimated by SIPRI to be \$19.2 billion.

Sources: SIPRI Military Expenditure Database, <<http://www.sipri.org/databases/milex/>>; and IMF, World Economic Outlook database, Oct. 2012,

<<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/weo/2011/02/weodata/index.aspx>>.