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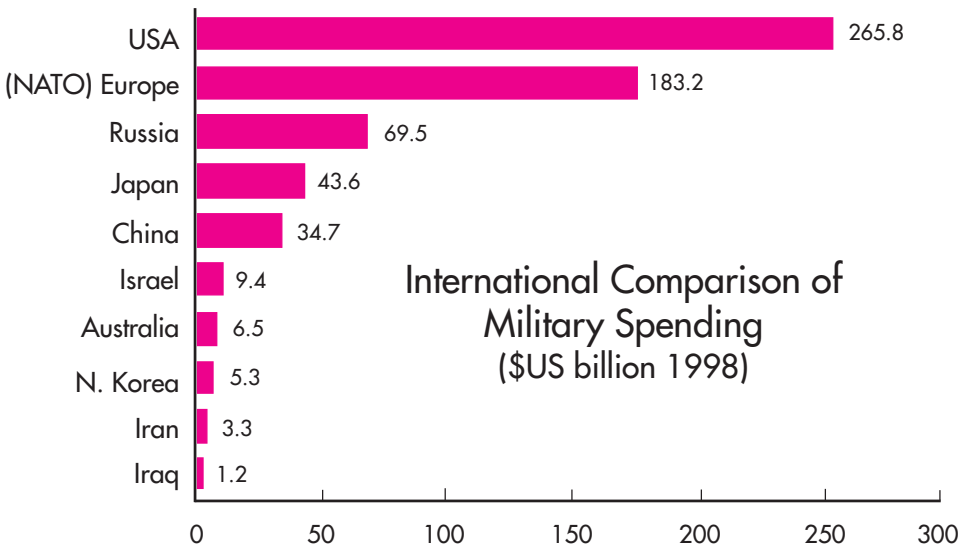
## Defence

### The Challenge of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Defence spending, by itself, does not necessarily reflect military effectiveness: rich countries can secure a better outcome spending less of their GDP than most poorer ones do spending more. The effectiveness of a defence force, moreover, has more to do with the quality of equipment

and technology used, leadership, education and professionalism of troops, communication, command systems, and general organizational efficiency.

Absolute dollar amounts on defence spending, nevertheless, give a rule of thumb as to how large a defence force is.



Source: International Institute of Strategic Studies and Australian Defence Association.