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Paper Title: **Procuring a Nation's Future: Understanding the Arms Deal and South Africa's New Struggle with Corruption**

Abstract: This Paper provides insight into the corruption behind the South Africa's Arms Deal, known as the "1999 Strategic Defense Package" after it ended apartheid. The Deal was considered the "turning point" in the future trajectory of South Africa. Considered the starting point for a "culture of corruption", this paper investigates the competition and corruption laws, the South African NGOs that deal specifically with corruption, and finally with the historical aspect of corruption to verify whether the Arms Deal is the starting point of this acceptance. This paper concludes that although there are substantial laws on the book dealing with corruption and competition, South Africans do view corruption with a form of apathy or acceptance, though the NGOs are working to bring awareness to both the public and the court system.