

# Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note



## Paraguay

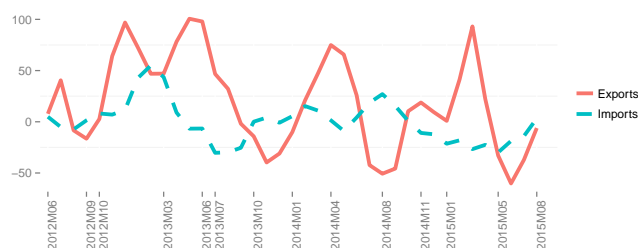
GDP (US\$ billions) (2015)	Population (millions) (2015)	Income per capita (current US\$) (2015)	Poverty rate (2013)	Unemployment rate (2015)	Ease of Doing Business Rank (2015)
27.1	6.6	4,083.1	2.2	5.5	95.0

### Macro Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
GDP growth (annual %)	3.610	-1.239	14.225	4.350	3.533	3.889	
Current account balance	1.426	-2.034	1.623	-0.366	-1.363	-1.317	
Cash surplus/deficit (% of GDP)	-0.094	-1.498	-1.942	-1.014	-2.490	-1.673	
Gross Fixed Investment (% GDP)	16.057	18.443	18.074	18.777	18.771	18.862	
Gross capital formation (% of GDP) [1]	16.208	15.077	15.409	16.199	—	—	
Foreign direct investment, net inflows (% of GDP) [2]	0.881	3.000	0.245	0.766	—	—	
Private capital flows, total (% of GDP) [2]	5.549	11.487	—	—	—	—	
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	104.219	113.717	112.192	109.411	106.596	106.538	
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	8.818	1.032	6.799	5.608	4.831	4.472	
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	5.191	-6.720	18.448	0.866	0.300	3.500	
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	7.923	-3.500	6.833	2.776	1.500	4.197	
Personal remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	2.553	2.576	2.143	1.641	—	—	
General government gross debt [3]	27.155	16.174	16.790	19.048	22.472	24.167	
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	3.873	4.482	4.869	—	—	—	
Real Effective Exchange Rate (2010=100)	89.252	106.041	111.873	120.088	115.705	119.901	
Consumer Price Index, annual percent change	7.863	3.676	2.684	5.029	4.000	4.500	

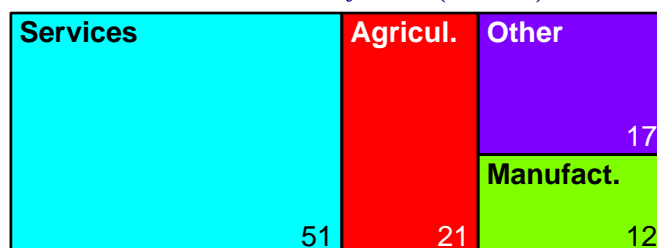
Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

### Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015



Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

### Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)



Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

### Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, 2014

<b>Soya beans</b>	<b>Electric current</b>	<b>Oil-cake and other solid residues (Meat of bovine animals, frozen)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>
24	22			

### Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014

<b>Consumer goods</b>	<b>Capital goods</b>	<b>Intermediate goods</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>
48	29			

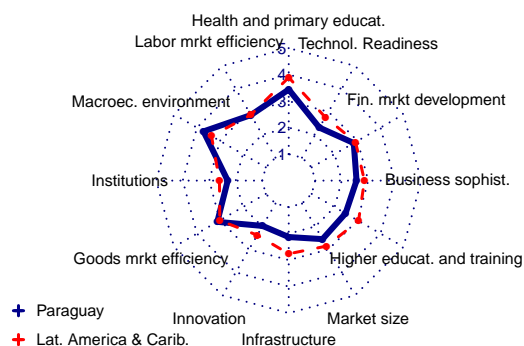
Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

### Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

	DB 2015 Rank	DB 2016 Rank	Change in Rank
Dealing with Construction Permits	54	55	-1
Ease of Doing Business Rank	95	100	-5
Enforcing Contracts	75	75	0
Getting Credit	71	79	-8
Getting Electricity	92	96	-4
Paying Taxes	111	111	0
Protecting Minority Investors	143	144	-1
Registering Property	76	78	-2
Resolving Insolvency	100	102	-2
Starting a Business	126	135	-9
Trading Across Borders	134	135	-1

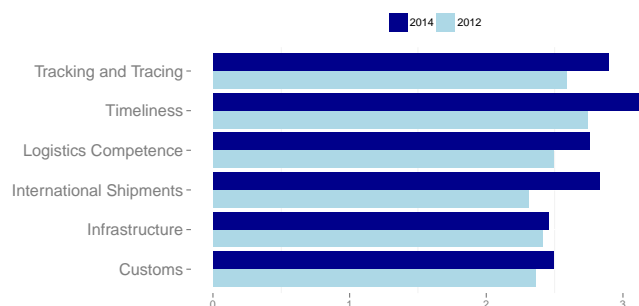
Source: Doing Business Report 2015

## WEF Competitiveness Indicators (Scale 1-5, 5=best)



Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

## Logistics Performance Index (Scale 1-5, 5=best)



Source: Logistics Performance Index (World Bank)

## World Governance indicators (Std. score, High=best)



Source: Worldwide Governance Indicators

## Trade Policy

	2010	2014
Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted)	8.3	8.2
Binding (%)	100	100.0
Dispersion (Standard Deviation)	7	7.0
Import duties collected (% , 2011-2013) [1]	—	3.1
MFN Tariff (Agricul.)	10.3	10.4
MFN Tariff (Non-Agricul.)	10.3	10.1
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	10.3	10.2
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]	—	9.0

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

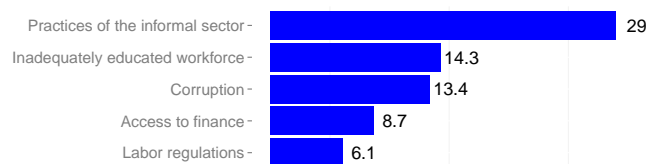
## Private Sector's Views

### Enterprise Survey 2013

	Paraguay	Latin America and Caribbean	All Countries
Number of electrical outages in a typical month	2.70	2.80	6.30
Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit	60.20	45.80	34.30
Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)	20.80	19.90	14.30
Proportion of investment financed internally (%)	60.40	62.90	71.80
Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%)	20.60	14.00	9.90

Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

### Top 5 constraints according to ES 2013 (% respondents)



Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

### Top 5 constraints according to WEF 2015 survey (% respondents among 88 executives)



Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015