



Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note



Paraguay

GDP (US\$	Population	Income per	Poverty rate	Unemployment
billions) (2016)	(millions)	capita (current	(2013)	rate (2014)
	(2016)	US\$) (2016)		
29.4	6.7	4,365.4	2.2	4.5

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
Fiscal balance (% of GDP)	-0.094	-1.498	-1.942	-1.014	-2.490	-1.673
Remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	2.482	2.576	2.143	1.641	_	_
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



Investment indicators

		Avg $2002-2011$	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Gross domestic investment ((% GDP)	16.06	18.44	18.07	18.78	18.77	18.86	
Gross domestic investment,	of w: Private investment (% GDP) [1]	16.34	15.08	15.41	16.20	_	_	
Inward FDI (% of GDP) [2]		0.88	3.00	0.25	0.77		_	
Inward FDI, % of private in	vestment [2]	5.55	11.49	NA	_	_	_	



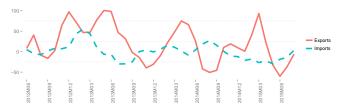
Trade Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total Trade in Goods and Services (% of GDP, real terms)	104.22	113.72	112.19	109.41	106.60	106.54
Trade balance (% GDP, real terms)	8.82	1.03	6.80	5.61	4.83	4.47
Exports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	5.19	-6.72	18.45	0.87	0.30	3.50
Imports, Goods and Services, annual percent change (real terms)	7.92	-3.50	6.83	2.78	1.50	4.20
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	3.87	4.48	4.87	_	_	_



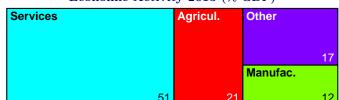
Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

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

Soya beans	Electric current	Oil-cake	Meat of
		and other	bovine
		solid	animals,
		residues (frozen 9
			Soya bean oil and its fractions
24	22	12	5

Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014

Consumer goods	l	Intermediate goods	
48	29	21	3

Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

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Source: Doing Busines Report 2015

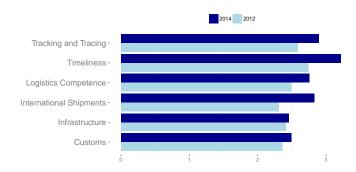
WEF Competitiveness Indicators

(Scale 1-5, 5=best)

Health and primary educat. Labor mrkt efficiency. Technol. Readiness Macroec. environment Business sophist. Goods mrkt efficiency Higher educat. and training Paraguay Innovation Market size Lat. America & Carib. Infrastructure

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)



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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 (Agriculture)	10.3	10.4
MFN Tariff (Non-Agriculture)	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

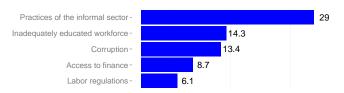
Private Sector's Views

Enterprise Survey 2013

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	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 (% respondants among 88 executives)



Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

