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Nueva York*

MP/UN/NY/MRE/N° 56/2020

Ref.: Remitir informe de ejecución de proyecto de cooperación en áreas de desarme con UNLIREC Y ATT-VTF

La **MISIÓN PERMANENTE DE LA REPÚBLICA DEL PARAGUAY ANTE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS** saluda muy atentamente a la **SECRETARÍA DEL TRATADO SOBRE EL COMERCIO DE ARMAS**, con ocasión de hacer referencia al proyecto “Implementación del Tratado sobre el Comercio de Armas en el Paraguay”, en implementación conjunta por el Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de la República del Paraguay y el Centro Regional de las Naciones Unidas para la Paz, el Desarme y el Desarrollo en América Latina y el Caribe (UNLIREC), con la subvención del Fondo Fiduciario de Contribuciones Voluntarias del Tratado de Comercio de Armas (Ref.: ATT.VTF.G2018.008PRY).

Al respecto, en cumplimiento con las disposiciones emanadas del citado proyecto, se remite el informe final de ejecución con sus respectivos adjuntos y se encarece el acuse de recibo.

La **MISIÓN PERMANENTE DE LA REPÚBLICA DEL PARAGUAY ANTE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS**, hace propicia la oportunidad para renovar a la **SECRETARÍA DEL TRATADO SOBRE EL COMERCIO DE ARMAS**, las seguridades de su distinguida consideración.



Nueva York, 15 de enero de 2020

A la
SECRETARÍA DEL TRATADO SOBRE EL COMERCIO DE ARMAS
Nueva York
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Arms Trade Treaty Voluntary Trust Fund

Paraguay

Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Directorate for
International Organizations

Project No.: ATT.VTF.G2018.008PRY

15 January 2020

Arms Trade Treaty Voluntary Trust Fund - Final Report

Project number ATT.VTF.G2018.008PRY
Grantee name Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Directorate for International Organizations
Project title Implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty in Paraguay
Grant Amount USD\$ 96,733.00
Final Report submission date 15 January 2020
Period covered under this report 01 March 2019 – 02 September 2019
(MM/DD/YY – MM/DD/YY)

1. Project activities and outcomes

a Describe the project outcomes.

The project increased Paraguay's capacity to effectively implement the Arms Trade Treaty (ratified by Law 5398 of 2016), thus contributing, greatly, to national efforts to combat the illicit trade in small arms and prevent their diversion (including via the postal service, packages and luggage at entry/exit points) and the ensuing armed violence.

More specific project outcomes were attained as follows:

- Increased ability by State officials to carry out an export evaluation under the parameters established by the Arms Trade Treaty.
- Clear understanding of which weapons are subject to export/import/transfer controls.
- Bolstered ability to implement a feasible weapons transfer regime in line with the regulatory requirements of the ATT and with other relevant international instruments.
- Practical knowledge on how to elaborate control checklists in alignment with ATT provisions.
- Strengthened ability to prevent diversion of weapons due to practical tools (end-use and end-user certificates) and knowledge of how to elaborate a national export control system.
- Facilitated decision-making processes when undertaking risk assessments and/or risk mitigation measures and whether or not to authorize the transfer of weapons thanks to a step-by-step practical risk assessment methodology.
- Improved capacity by screening operators to interdict weapons at exit/entry points leading to a tangible real-life intervention of ammunition by a UNLIREC-trained national officer.

b Describe how the project has assisted your implementation of the ATT.

The ratification of the Arms Trade Treaty came to complement a set of legal provisions already approved in the Republic of Paraguay. Since the creation of the Inter-institutional Working Group on Firearms, Ammunition and Explosives, via Presidential Decree No. 13,793 of the year 2001, in order to study the problem of firearms, ammunition and explosives in the country.

The Inter-institutional Working Group on Firearms, Ammunition and Explosives has promoted the elaboration of national legislation related to firearms, ammunition, explosives, accessories and

related items, obtaining the approval of Law 4036/2010.

Thus, with the implementation of the present project, the different institutions involved in the process gained a greater understanding of the provisions emanating from the aforementioned Treaty, enabling a proper implementation using the tools already available internally, including providing greater coordination in compliance with the provisions of the Treaty.

c List all States that benefitted from the project.

- Ministerio del Interior
- Dirección Nacional de Aeronautica Civil
- Dirección de Material Belico – Ministerio de Defensa Nacional
- Secretaría Nacional Antidroga
- Policía Nacional
- Cámara de Diputados
- Fiscalía – Ministerio Público
- INTERPOL – Paraguay
- Ministerio de Industria y Comercio
- Dirección Nacional de Aduanas
- Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores

d Were all the project activities as specified in the Project Schedule (see Annex G) completed?

Yes No

If no, explain why and describe any problems, constraints and difficulties experienced in implementing the project.

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What recommendations would you make in this regard?

e How would you rate the *relevance* of the project (was the project suited to existing priorities and policies of the benefitting State(s))?

Not relevant at all	Not very relevant	Moderately relevant	Relevant	Very relevant
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Explain your answer:

With the implementation of the project, national capacities were increased in various areas in which the Treaty is applied, which together with Law 4036, complemented everything related to the control of arms trafficking.

The national institutions, responsible to some extent for the application of the provisions of the ATT gained greater understanding and could apply them to the different situations that arise daily in the tasks that fulfil them.

f How would you rate the *effectiveness* of the project (to what extent has the project attained its stated objectives)?

Not effective at all	Not very effective	Moderately effective	Effective	Very effective
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Explain your answer:

The effectiveness of the project "Implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty in Paraguay" is measured vis-à-vis the contribution and support of national efforts to implement it, in close collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, specifically the Directorate of International Organizations.

From a total of 4 planned activities implemented in the Republic of Paraguay between the years 2018-2019, respectively, the following can be explained of the present stage of activities:

The Arms Trade Treaty Implementation Course²² (ATT-IC) represented the third stage of the project, being the first course of Implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty in Paraguay where the participants received a series of tools and knowledge to contribute to the implementation, development and improvement of national control systems for conventional arms transfers, addressing the risk of diversion of declared elements, also allowing for greater coordination, communication and cooperation between the entities represented. A guide encompassing the abovementioned information and tools was provided to the participants of the course, to ensure further consultation and replication of the acquired knowledge.

With reference to the Course on the Interdiction of Arms, Ammunition, Parts and Components (ISAAP), the fourth and final stage of the project, 30 X-ray scanner operators participated, the vast majority with responsibilities in the area of airport security. During the event, each participant

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was provided with an Identification Guide for Weapons, Ammunition, Parts and Components in order to provide both, operators and the different branches of the Paraguayan State, with an updated reference tool expected to be used when deemed convenient. It should be noted that, in terms of gender parity, the participation of women in the latter activity was reached by 50%, which in comparison to the 43% of the first activity represents a significant increase.

It is also important to highlight that a tangible result of the ISAAP course was the seizure of several boxes of ammunition at the national airport, at which time the X-ray operator responsible for the confiscation expressed that he was able to identify the irregular package thanks to the identification techniques learned during the ISAAP course.

g How would you rate the *efficiency* of the project (to what extent were the project results attained on time and within budget)?

Not efficient at all	Not very efficient	Moderately efficient	Efficient	Very efficient
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Explain your answer:

The execution of the project was very efficient, mainly due to the constant coordination with the implementing partner (UNLIREC). Such exchange allowed for a proper execution of funds and a coordinated and mutually beneficial planning of activities.

An additional impact of this coordination was the consequent request by state actors for further assistance in the case of the Directorate of Civil Aviation (DINAC) to complete the training of X Ray operators in the international airports of Asunción and Ciudad del Este and in the case of the Directorate of War Material (DIMABEL) to strengthen their capacities to submit national reports to the ATT Secretariat.

h Please describe the impact of the project (i.e. the positive or negative changes or effects that the project results have on the surrounding circumstances).

Thanks to this ATT-VTF-funded project, the effects of the illicit and unregulated trade of conventional arms was brought to the forefront of the security agenda. In this context, it was possible to present in a multi-agency environment the provisions and different mechanisms available within the Arms Trade Treaty to regulate the international trade of conventional arms, prevent their diversion and implement a national control system.

It was during the final stage of the project that the greatest tangible impact was achieved: the successful seizure of several boxes of ammunition that were hidden in a tourist's suitcase entering the country. The official responsible for the seizure acknowledged that it was thanks to the identification techniques learned throughout the course, in particular the scanner controls undertaken using X-ray technology, that he was able to detect the irregular aspect of the package and undertake follow-up actions.

Project impact also included the increased ability by Paraguayan officials to share its ATT implementation experiences with other actors on the international stage (MERCOSUR Meetings and CSP5). The importance and relevance of the Arms Trade Treaty has been noticed by State agencies, which have sustained coordination meetings to discuss possibilities of further cooperation specially in the areas of reporting and strengthening capacities to prevent and

eradicate the illicit trade of conventional arms.

i How would you rate the *sustainability* of the project (to what extent can the project benefits continue after the project has finished)?

Not sustainable at all	Not very sustainable	Moderately sustainable	Sustainable	Very sustainable
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Explain your answer:

The last two stages of this project focused on technical officials, an aspect that would allow for adequate implementation in the medium and long term. In the same way, it is necessary to continue with adequate monitoring to be able to identify if it has effectively met the established objectives.

This project could be described with moderate sustainability, mainly due to the high turnover that can suddenly occur in the institutions involved in one way or another in the subject, mainly the military.

j How will the Project outcomes be further used or applied in the future? Are there plans for the activities to be continued or for the experience gained to be shared?

It is the intention of the National Directorate of Civil Aeronautics to continue with the training format delivered during this project. The aforementioned Directorate is analysing the possibility of presenting a project for additional ISAAP courses in order to be able to complete the training of scanner operators who have not had the opportunity to be trained.

As a result of this process a fruitful dialogue and cooperation, has been established with the military, specifically with the Directorate of War Material (DIMABEL), who have expressed their interest to continue working on ATT-related issues, specifically with a view to strengthening their capacities to prepare and submit national reports.

2. Final expenditure report

Please complete the Worksheet titled 'input' in the VTF Expenditure Template – Final Report (Paraguay) in Attachment 2.



3. Certification

For the purposes of this certification:

Grantee means Paraguay National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons.

Consultant means The United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC)

I, The First Secretary Ana Rolon Candia, Director of International Organizations being a person duly authorised by the Grantee hereby certify that:

1. The Consultant was engaged by the Grantee on or after the date the Grant Agreement was executed to deliver services to the Project.
2. The service provided by the Consultant to the Grantee has been completed in accordance with the Grant Agreement.
3. The amount paid by the Grantee to the Consultant for the provision of services to help implement the Grant project to date is \$ 90,405.
4. I have attached the tax invoice provided to the Grantee by the Consultant for the provision of services for the Grant project to date.
5. I have attached a receipt from the Consultant confirming that the amount referred to in 3 above has been paid in full by the Grantee.
6. All the information I have provided to the ATT Secretariat (including the contents of this declaration) is complete, true and correct.
7. I am aware of the Grantee's obligations under their Grant Agreement, including the need to keep the ATT Secretariat informed of any circumstances that may impact on the objectives, completion and/or outcomes of the agreed project.
8. I am aware that the Grant Agreement empowers the ATT Secretariat to terminate the Grant Agreement and to request repayment of funds paid to the Grantee where the Grantee is in breach of the Grant Agreement.

Signed.....

Ana E. Rolón Candia
Director of International Organizations



Date 15 /01/2020

Please submit this report and signed declaration to ATT Secretariat along with;

- A copy of the tax invoice issued to you by the Consultant for the provision of services
- Proof the Consultant was paid. This could be a receipt issued to you by the Consultant or a bank statement.



ATT Final Expenditure Report



Paraguay
Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Directorate for International Organizations

Project No.	ATT/ITE/G2018.009PR
Reporting period	01/09/2015-02/09/2019
Local Currency Code	
Grant Received USD (Expenditure)	49,793.00
Grant Received USD (2nd instalment)	40,652.00
Total received	90,405.00

Vendor Code [Paraguay]

<https://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/>
Click above first cell for exchange rate list

Accounting Details		General Details		Total Budget		Actual spend to date **		Balance of budget available		Balance of funds received	
Posting Date	Project code	Budget Line	Ref. N°	Description 1	Description 2 - Receipt or Invoice No. - Date -	USD	Local Amount	Rate	USD	USD	USD
			1	Activity 1A. UNLIREC Experts (course preparation).	Consultant fee for Sonia Fernandez	8,000.00	7,231.54	1.0000	7,231.54	768.46	83,173.46
			2	Activity 1A. UNLIREC Experts (mission).	Consultant fee for Juan Ordoñez	2,500.00	2,500.00	1.0000	2,500.00	-	80,673.46
			3	Activity 2A. UNLIREC Experts (office).	Consultant fee for Juan Ordoñez	2,000.00	2,000.00	1.0000	2,000.00	-	78,673.46
			4	Activity 2A. UNLIREC Experts (mission).	Consultant fee for Juan Ordoñez	1,500.00	1,500.00	1.0000	1,500.00	-	77,173.46
			5	Activity 2B. UNLIREC Experts (proposal development) (office).	Consultant fee for Sonia Fernandez and Juan Ordoñez	10,000.00	9,977.59	1.0000	9,977.59	22.41	67,195.87
			5	Activity 2B. UNLIREC Experts (mission).	Consultant fee for Juan Ordoñez	3,090.00	3,000.00	1.0000	3,000.00	-	64,195.87
			7	Activity 2B. UNLIREC Experts (office).	Consultant fee for Juan Ordoñez	2,000.00	2,000.00	1.0000	2,000.00	-	62,195.87
			8	Activity 2B. UNLIREC Experts (mission).	Consultant fee for Juan Ordoñez	2,000.00	2,000.00	1.0000	2,000.00	-	60,195.87
			9	Activity 1A. 5 UNLIREC experts-instructors (course) DSA x 5 days = 25 units.	20 DSA at \$194 per day. 5 DSA each traveler: Sonia Fernandez, Juan Ordoñez, Julian Bustamante, Rodolfo Gamba.	5,425.00	3,943.43	1.0000	3,943.43	1,481.57	56,252.44
			10	Activity 1A. 5 UNLIREC experts-instructors terminal costs.	1 early check in for Julian Bustamante (\$63.43)	940.00	752.00	1.0000	752.00	188.00	55,500.44
			11	Activity 1A. Airfare.	4 terminal expenses \$188 per person	6,500.00	2,929.72	1.0000	2,929.72	3,570.28	52,570.72
			12	Activity 1A. Meals (lunch + coffee) for 35 participants x 4 days = 140 units.	4 air tickets cost, \$732.43 each one	4,200.00	2,769.51	1.0000	2,769.51	1,430.49	49,801.22
			13	Activity 1B. 2 UNLIREC experts DSA x 3 days = 6 units.	CB HOTEL S.A. catering service (140 meals x \$29.76 each)	1,302.00	1,260.00	1.0000	1,260.00	42.00	48,541.22
				early checking	6 DSA at \$210 per day. 3 DSA each traveler: Sonia Fernandez, Juan Ordoñez.		32.25	1.0000	32.25	-32.25	48,508.97
			14	Activity 1B. 2 UNLIREC experts-instructors terminal costs.	1 early check in for Juan Ordoñez (\$32.25).	376.00	376.00	1.0000	376.00	-	48,132.97

Geographical coverage / Cobertura geográfica

Argentina and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, St Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela

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15	Activity 1B. Airfare.	1 Air ticket cost (Lima - Asuncion - Lima) for Sonia Fernandez (\$545.50)	2,600.00	545.75	1,0000	545.75	2,054.25	47,587.22
	air fare Juan Ordoñez	1 Air ticket cost Juan Ordoñez(\$585.50)		585.45	1,0000	585.45	-585.45	47,001.77
	Luggage cost	1 Luggage cost (Lima - Asuncion - Lima) for Juan Ordoñez		23.60	1,0000	23.60	-23.60	46,978.17
16	Activity 1B. Meals (lunch + coffee) for 20 participants x 1 day = 20 units.	CB HONEY S.A. catering service (30 meals x \$17.49 each)	600.00	524.62	1,0000	524.62	75.38	46,453.55
17	Activity 2A. 5 UNLIREC experts-instructors (course) DSA x 6 days = 30 units.	31 DSA at \$194 per day, 7 DSA each traveler Juan Ordoñez, Walter Murcia, Jimmy Arroyo, Ana Mucci and 3 DSA for Rodolfo Gamba.	6,510.00	6,142.76	1,0000	6,142.76	367.24	40,210.79
	Activity 2A. 5 UNLIREC experts-instructors terminal costs.	2 early check in for Juan Ordoñez and Rodolfo Gamba (\$94.98).						
18	Activity 2A. 5 UNLIREC experts-instructors terminal costs.	5 terminal expenses \$188 per person	940.00	940.00	1,0000	940.00	-	39,270.79
19	Activity 2A. Airfare.	5 air tickets (Lima - Asuncion - Lima) for : Juan Ordoñez (\$409.43), Walter Murcia (\$505.53), Jimmy Arroyo (\$409.43), Ana Mucci (\$472.61) and Rodolfo Gamba (\$738.23) + Luggage cost : Walter Murcia (\$47.20), Jimmy Arroyo (\$88.20) and Ana Mucci (\$109)	6,500.00	2,781.03	1,0000	2,781.03	3,718.97	36,589.76
20	Activity 2A. Meals (lunch + coffee) for 30 participants x 4 days = 120 units.	7 DSA at \$210 per day, 4 DSA for Sonia Fernandez and 5 DSA for Juan Ordoñez + 2 early check in (\$65.56 per person).	3,600.00	3,160.31	1,0000	3,160.31	439.69	33,429.45
21	Activity 2B. 2 UNLIREC experts DSA x 4 days = 8 units.	2 terminal expenses \$188 per person	1,736.00	1,601.12	1,0000	1,601.12	134.88	31,828.33
22	Activity 2B. 2 UNLIREC experts-instructors terminal costs.	1 Air ticket cost (Lima - Asuncion - Lima) for Sonia Fernandez	376.00	376.00	1,0000	376.00	-	31,452.33
23	Activity 2B. Airfare.	1 Air ticket cost (Lima - Asuncion - Lima) for Juan Ordoñez	2,600.00	399.53	1,0000	399.53	2,200.47	31,052.80
24	air fare Juan Ordoñez	1 Air ticket cost (Lima - Asuncion - Lima) for Juan Ordoñez		466.83	1,0000	466.83	-466.83	30,585.97
24	Activity 2B. Meals (lunch + coffee) for 20 participants x 2 days = 40 units.	CB HONEY S.A. catering service (60 meals x \$19.93 each)	1,200.00	1,195.77	1,0000	1,195.77	4.23	29,390.20
25	Activity 2A. Audiovisual equipment (scanner) + 4 licenses (1 course for 30 participants).	COFACO, internet service (\$210.31) + El Pateo (\$4.56) + T-Copla (\$71.88) + Claro, internet service (\$1,282) + CASBA, license (\$1,851.85) + UNDP (\$80.77)	4,200.00	3,481.33	1,0000	3,481.33	718.67	25,908.87
26	Activity 2A. Materials + printing + miscellaneous (35 participants).	HUZA PRINT, printing of material (\$2,171.62) + COORDINACION DID, printing of material (\$1,951)	3,500.00	4,122.62	1,0000	4,122.62	-622.62	21,786.25
27	Activity 1B. Materials + printing + miscellaneous (20 participants).	CB HONEY S.A. miscellaneous (\$263.31) + UNDP (\$425.39)	800.00	699.30	1,0000	699.30	110.70	21,096.95
28	Activity 2A. Materials + printing + miscellaneous (30 participants)	CONUNICAZ, printing of material (\$3,945.61) + T-Copla (\$90.37) + UNDP (\$121.54)	4,500.00	4,097.53	1,0000	4,097.53	402.47	16,999.43

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29	Activity 2B: Materials + printing + miscellaneous (20 participants)	HUZA PRINT, printing of material (\$1,012.79)	1,000.00	1,012.79	1,000.00	1,012.79	-12.79	15,986.64
	Total Indirect Support Cost (7%)		90,405.00	79,627.65	1,000.00	5,209.29	-5,209.29	10,777.35
				79,627.65		10,777.35		

* Description 2 - Receipt or Invoice No. - Date: include information on the date of the receipt received, as well as the receipt number. Also include additional information e.g. if the budget line item relates to an airfare, include the airline that issued the ticket, the departure city and arrival city etc.

** Actual spent to date: insert the actual amount spent on the budget item. If the item was paid for in local currency, insert the figure in the column headed 'Local amount', and it will automatically be calculated in USD. If the item was paid for in USD, enter the figure in the column headed 'USD'.

Signature:

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Marta Teresa Dávila, Executive Associate

Date: 15 January 2020

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HEAD SECRETARY



Trust Fund for the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America

Project: 2018 ATT-VTF funded project for Paraguay (S1-32DBA-000019)

Final Statement of Income and Expenditure for the period ended 31 March 2020

(Expressed in US Dollars)

Income	
Voluntary Contribution from Arms Trade Treaty	90,405
Total income	90,405
Expenditure	
Staff and Other Personnel Cost	39,888
Travel	13,246
Contractual Services	18,070
General Operating and Other Direct Costs	3,219
Total direct expenditure	74,423
Programme support costs (United Nations)	5,205
Total expenditure	79,628
Unspent contribution balance	10,777

Certified by the Finance Division/OPPFB

Date: 15 April 2020

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