What OIG Inspected

OIG inspected the executive direction, program and policy implementation, resource management, and information management operations of Embassy Asuncion.

What OIG Recommends

OIG made 6 recommendations to Embassy Asuncion.

In its comments on the draft report, Embassy Asuncion concurred with all 6 recommendations. OIG considers all 6 recommendations resolved. The embassy’s response to each recommendation, and OIG’s reply, can be found in the Recommendations section of this report. The embassy’s formal written response is reprinted in its entirety in Appendix B.

What OIG Found

- The Chargé d’Affaires and the acting Deputy Chief of Mission led Embassy Asuncion in a professional and collaborative manner.
- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, embassy leaders implemented several restrictions to maintain continuity of operations and protect the health and safety of embassy personnel.
- Embassy Asuncion failed to complete all required real property safety certifications for residential and non-residential properties.
- Embassy Asuncion’s records management program did not comply with Department of State standards.
- Spotlight on Success: The Public Diplomacy Section’s Americana Box program imaginatively engaged students with no internet access by providing them science, technology, engineering, arts, and math problem-solving content.