



HIGHLIGHTS

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What OIG Inspected

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

What OIG Recommends

OIG made 10 recommendations to Embassy Montevideo.

In its comments on the draft report, Embassy Montevideo concurred with all 10 recommendations. OIG considers all 10 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 response is reprinted in its entirety in Appendix B.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTIONS

BUREAU OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS

Inspection of Embassy Montevideo, Uruguay

What OIG Found

- Embassy Montevideo's Chargé d'Affaires and acting Deputy Chief of Mission modeled the Department of State's leadership principles, demonstrating concern for the staff's well-being.
- Embassy Montevideo implemented measures to maintain the health and safety of personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The embassy's contracting officer's representative program did not comply with Department standards.
- The embassy's Information Systems Security Officers failed to perform all required information systems security duties.
- Embassy Montevideo did not test the primary or secondary high-frequency radio systems at the chancery or the off-site high-frequency radio at the alternate command center.
- Spotlight on Success: Embassy Montevideo's Public Diplomacy Section launched "Alumni Open Talks," a series of 30-minute live-streamed talks featuring public diplomacy program alumni. The talks initially focused on the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, but were expanded to include discussions on renewable energy, entrepreneurship, environmental protection, and science education.