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**XLIV MEETING OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS
FOR THE CONTROL OF MONEY LAUNDERING
September 25 and 26, 2017
Asuncion, Paraguay**

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INFORMATION BULLETIN

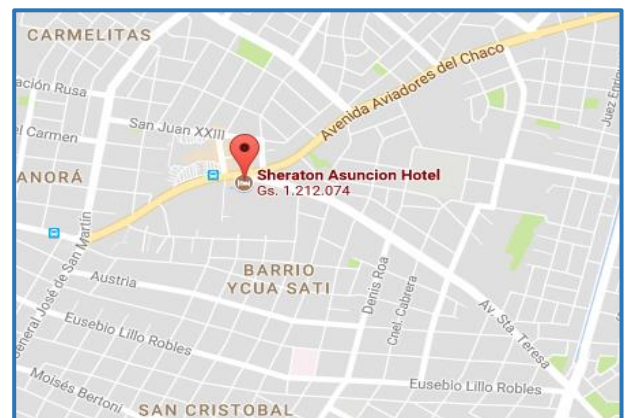
The **XLIV Meeting of the Group of Experts for the Control of Money Laundering (GELAVEX)** will take place in Asuncion, Paraguay, from the 25th to the 26th of September of 2017. The coordinating meeting between the President and Vice-president, Coordinators of the Sub-Working Groups, and the Technical Secretariat will take place the day prior, the 24th of September 2017, also in Asuncion (Río Paraguay Room on the 3rd floor – Sheraton Asuncion Hotel).

The objective of the Plenary Meeting consists of presenting the achievements accomplished as part of the Work Plan 2016-2017, based on the lines of action defined in the Strategic Plan 2015-2017, and establishing the Work Plan 2018-2019, as well as the Strategic Plan 2018-2020.

1. VENUE:

The XLIV Meeting of the Group of Experts of the Control of Money Laundering will take place in the **“Grand Salon of the Sheraton Asuncion Hotel” (1st floor)**, located at the Avenida Aviadores del Chaco 2066, Asuncion.

For more information, click on the image:





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2. COORDINATION OF THE MEETING

- **Department against Transnational Organized Crime (DTOC) of the Organization of American States (OAS)**
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- **Financial Intelligence Unit of the Secretariat for the Prevention of Money Laundering (SEPRELAD) of Paraguay**
Crismilda Espinoza
Telephone: +595 21 600 435 ext. 6109
E-mail: cespinoza@seprelad.gov.py

3. HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

The hotel expenses must be taken care by each participant. All reservation requests should be accompanied by a valid credit card number to be confirmed.

Hotel room reservations should be requested directly by the participants at the hotel of their preference. The rates presented in this document have been consulted by the Secretariat for the Prevention of Money Laundering (SEPRELAD) at the indicated hotels. Upon making your reservations, we would appreciate you mentioning that you will participate in the “XLIV Meeting of the Expert Group for the Control of Money Laundering (GELAVEX) of the OAS” or that you are invitees of the Secretariat for the Prevention of Money Laundering (SEPRELAD).

Due to high demand for hotels in Asuncion during these dates, **we recommend that participants reserve their hotel room as soon as possible**, directly contacting the following hotels:

SHERATON ASUNCIÓN HOTEL - Venue		
Tel: +595 21 6177000 / +595 21 6177158 Address: Av. Aviadores del Chaco 2066 Check in until 15:00 - Check out until 12:00	Rate: 844.000 Gs. 154 USD. Breakfast included	http://www.sheraton.com/asuncion



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<u>NAME</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>LINK</u>
IBIS ASUNCIÓN Tel: +59521 620-1000 Address: Av. Aviadores del Chaco 2060 Check in from 12:00 - Check out until 12:00	Sat. 405.000 Gs. 73 USD. M-F: 461.000 Gs. 83 USD. Breakfast included	http://www.ibis.com – accorhotels.com
HOTEL DAZZLER ASUNCIÓN Tel: +59521 600-399 Address: Av. Aviadores del Chaco y Vasconcellos Check in from 15:00 - Check out until 12:00	488.000 Gs. 89 USD. Breakfast included	http://www.dazzlerhoteles.com
ESPLENDOR ASUNCIÓN A WYNDHAM GRAND HOTEL Tel: +59521 601-626 Address: Av. Aviadores del Chaco 2822 c/ Av. Dr. Felipe Molas López Check in from 14:00 - Check out until 10:00	494.000 Gs. 89 USD. Breakfast included	http://www.booking.com/hotel/py/hg-tower.html
ALOFT ASUNCIÓN Tel: +595 21 247 7000 Address: Av. Aviadores del Chaco 1761 Check in from 15:00 - Check out until 12:00	545.000 Gs. 99 USD. Breakfast included	http://www.alfasuncion.com/es
HOTEL LOS ALPES Tel: +595-21 607 348/ 609 609/ 606 645 Address: Av. Santa Teresa 2855 e/ Cnel. Cabrera y Dr. B. Caballero Check in from 11:00 - Check out until 14:00	270.000 Gs. 50 USD. Breakfast included	http://hotellosalpespy.com/
HOTEL LE PELICAN Tel: + 595 21 625 855 Address: Av. Santa Teresa 2489 e/ Gumercindo Sosa, Asunción Check in from 14:00 - Check out until 10:00	299.000 Gs. 55 USD. Breakfast included	http://www.hotellepelican.com/es/welcome



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4. TRANSPORTATION

The Silvio Pettitrossi International Airport is the airport with the most activity and connections in the Republic of Paraguay. It is located in the city of *Luque* in the *Departamento Central*.

- Telephone: +595 21 688 2000
- Operator: National Office of Civilian Aviation (*Dirección Nacional de Aeronáutica Civil*)
- Taxi Service: The approximate Airport/Hotel rate varies between 80.000 to 90.000 Gs. – 15 to 16 USD.
- Travel Distance: Approximately 7.0 km/4.35 miles

Note: Travelling by car can be impacted by local conditions and traffic.

Car Rentals:

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| • Fast Rentals
Contact: (595)(21) 645-909 | • National Car Rental
Contact: (595)(21) 492 157 |
| • Hertz Car Rental
Contact: (595)(21) 605 708 | • Only Rent A Car
Contact: (595)(21) 492-731 |
| • Localiza
Contact: (595)(21) 446 233 | • Touring Car
Contact: (595)(21) 375-09 |

5. VISAS

The documents or visas required for entrance in Paraguay depend on the origin country and according to existing migration agreements. As such, we suggest verifying what the requirements in each case are by addressing the embassy or consulate of Paraguay in the participant's country of origin. For more information, you may consult the following link. You can change the language into English at "Select language" box on the right side at bottom of the page.

<http://www.migraciones.gov.py>

In countries or jurisdictions without a Paraguayan embassy or consulate, you may apply for a visa at the Paraguayan embassies or consulates located in countries or jurisdictions near to the country of residence or origin of the participant. Take into consideration that passports should



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have, by the date of the trip, a minimum validity of six months and should contain at least two blank pages.

Personalized Letters to Request a Visa

In cases where a letter of invitation from SEPRELAD is required for the visa process, you may send an email to Crismilda Espinoza cespinoza@seprelad.gov.py and Fredy Alarcon falarcon@seprelad.gov.py indicating the subject, the event name, and attaching a scanned copy of the page in your passport with your personal information and photograph, your itinerary departing from home country until your departure from Paraguay, country that issues your passport and reason for visiting Paraguay.

The deadline for sending these requisitions is September 8th, 2017, so that all requisitions can be processed in time for the event.

6. ELECTRICAL CURRENT

- Voltage: 220V - 50 cycles. To utilize devices designed for 100 volts, a transformer is necessary.
- Most used outlets:
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7. CURRENCY

Paraguay's national currency is the **guaraní**. You will find the following bills and coins in circulation today:



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- **Bills:** 100 thousand, 50 thousand, 20 thousand, 10 thousand, 5 thousand, and 2 thousand guaraní.



- **Coins:** 1 thousand, 500, 100, and 50 guaraní.



- **Exchange Rate:** 1 USD = Gs. 5.594
- **Currency Exchange House:** they are located throughout the majority of places like shopping malls, near to hotels and the event; all set up by the Central Bank of Paraguay. All local businesses issue tax receipt/invoice (*boletas legales*); they accept the national currency, American dollars, and credit cards (MasterCard, Visa, American Express).
- **Automatic Teller Machines:** at most ATMS you can withdraw cash in both the national currency and in dollars.

8. ASUNCIÓN

- **Capital:** Asunción
- **Major cities:** Ciudad del Este, Encarnación, Concepción, Pedro Juan Caballero



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- **Official languages:** Castellano and Guaraní
- **Climate:** Summer MAX 40°C/104° F and MIN 20°C/68° F (December/March) Winter MAX 15°C/ 59°F and MIN 5°C/ 41° F (July/September)
- **Main religion:** Catholicism
- **Government type:** Republic
- **Political organization:** Divided in 17 Departments
- **Official time:** GMT -4 hours (normal); -3 (summer)
- **Shopping areas closest to the event location:** Shopping del Sol, Paseo la Galería, Shopping Mariscal López, Paseo Carmelitas;
- **Food:** there is a large variety of restaurants, bars, and nightlife etc. to experience;
- **Nearby Cities for Tourists:** Luque, Areguá, Itaiguá (Dpto. central).

Weather forecast for the time of the event

SUN 9/24	MON 9/25	TUE 9/26	WED 9/27
			
29°/18°	23°/20°	30°/16°	33°/14°
Partly sunny	Colder with a shower in spots	Rather cloudy and warmer	Periods of clouds and sun
Hist. Avg. 29°/16°	Hist. Avg. 29°/16°	Hist. Avg. 29°/16°	Hist. Avg. 29°/16°

9. USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- National Police: 911
- Volunteer Firefighters: 132
- SEME (hospital ambulance services) 141
- Medical Emergencies: (021) 204-800
- Radio Taxi: (021) 311-080