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The Tripartite Command is an agreement established between Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina for the exchange of police information in the Triple Border region.

The Tripartite Command, an Argentine initiative, is the result of an agreement signed in 1996 between the ministers of the Interior of Argentina and Paraguay, in addition to the Minister of Justice of Brazil. Based on a Memorandum of Understanding, it has the legal nature of an international police cooperation agreement and its objective is the interaction between police agencies of the signatory countries to exchange information, request investigations in neighboring territory, share knowledge about crimes, locate, detain and hand over fugitives, as well as carry out joint operations between police agencies, among other measures. Its normative authority is based on the Mercosur agreement signed in 1991.

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Initially, the Tripartite Command involved the National Gendarmerie for Argentina, the Federal Police for Brazil and the National Police for Paraguay. In 2015, Argentina added the Airport Security Police, while Brazil added the Brazilian Intelligence Agency and the Federal Highway Police. The exchange of information occurs informally, generally by electronic means, without the need for a central body. The countries are represented by the local heads of police agencies, who participate in monthly meetings to prepare the "schedule", a document that records all requests for information exchange made in the previous month. Meetings take place alternately in the three countries every four months.

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An essential aspect of the Tripartite Command is its horizontality, that is, the absence of hierarchy between countries. The country responsible for hosting the meeting only presides over the meeting. Furthermore, there is no need to translate documents, so Argentine and Paraguayan documents are usually produced in Spanish, while Brazilian documents are written in Portuguese.



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