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PARAGUAY: NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 4 (3)

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 15 July 2020.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

MP/UN/NY/No. 1033/2020

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Paraguay to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat and refers to notes MP/UN/NY/No. 827/2020 and MP/UN/NY/No. 955/2020 concerning the notification of the measures taken by the Paraguayan State in the framework of the declaration of health emergency to address the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), in accordance with article 4, paragraph 3, of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

In this regard, it reports that through Decree No. 3456 of 16 March 2020, the President of the Republic of Paraguay, H.E. Mr. Mario Abdo Benítez, declared a nationwide state of health emergency, in order to implement social distancing measures, restrictions on immigration and internal movement, a preventive stay-at-home order and a mandatory quarantine, for an initial period which was extended until 24 March 2020, in accordance with Resolution No. 099/20 of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare.

These measures were issued in accordance with the exceptional powers invested in the State and temporarily restrict the exercise of the individual rights protected under articles 9, 12 and 21 of the [International] Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, in a reasonable and proportionate manner.

These measures aim at serving the common interest by addressing the spread of the disease caused by the COVID-19, to protect the life and health of the entire population which are fundamental public goods, in accordance with articles 4, 68 and 238 of the national Constitution, as well as article 13 of Act No. 836/80 “Health Code”.

Further, the Permanent Mission informs that, considering the dynamics of the pandemic, both at the local and regional levels, and in accordance with the regular assessments conducted by the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, the restrictions inherent in the state of health emergency were extended pursuant to the following decrees:

- Decree No. 3478 of 20 March 2020, extension until 12 April 2020;
- Decree No. 3525 of 9 April 2020: from 13 to 19 April 2020;
- Decree No. 3537 of 18 April 2020: from 20 to 26 April 2020;
- Decree No. 3564 of 24 April 2020: from 27 April to 3 May 2020.

The phased implementation of the plan for the gradual lifting of the general preventive confinement (smart quarantine) has started from 4 May 2020, pursuant to the following Decrees:

- Decree No. 3576 of 3 May 2020: **phase 1**
- Decree No. 3619 of 24 May 2020: **phase 2**
- Decree No. 3706 of 14 June 2020: **phase 3**
- Decree No. 3780 of 5 July 2020: **extension of phase 3** until 19 July 2020.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Paraguay to the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the Secretariat of the United Nations the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 15 July 2020

24 July 2020

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