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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS
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PARAGUAY: NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 4 (3)¹

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

The above action was effected on 7 September 2020.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

MP/UN/NY/No. 1395/2020

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. 1033/2020 and MP/UN/NY/No. 1129/2020, concerning the notification of the measures taken by the Paraguayan State in the framework of the declaration of a 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, the Permanent Mission reports that under the state of health emergency declared through Decree No. 3456 of 16 March 2020, and taking into consideration the evolution of the pandemic and the epidemiological situation in the country, the President of the Republic, H.E. Mr. Mario Abdo Benítez, issued the following specific measures in the context of the Plan for the gradual lifting of the general preventive confinement:

1. Decree No. 3900 of 30 July 2020, establishing specific measures for the Alto Paraná Department from 30 July 2020 until 16 August 2020. The duration of the said measures in this part of the country was extended until 23 August 2020, by Decree No. 3942 of 15 August 2020.
2. Decree No. 3919 of 9 August 2020, extending the duration of the measures corresponding to phase 3 of the Plan for the gradual lifting of the general preventive confinement (Decree No. 3706/20) in Asunción (the capital city) and the Central Department, until 30 August 2020.
3. Decree No. 3943 of 15 August 2020, extending the duration of the measures corresponding to phase 4 of the Plan for the gradual lifting of the general preventive confinement (Decree No. 3835/20) throughout the national territory, except for Asunción (the capital city) and the Alto Paraná and Central Departments, until 30 August 2020.

¹ The texts of Decree No. 3900 of 30 July 2020, Decree No. 3919 of 9 August 2020, Decree No. 3942 of 15 August 2020, Decree No. 3943 of 15 August 2020, Decree No. 3964 of 22 August 2020 and Decree No. 4000 of 29 August 2020 are on file with the Secretary-General and available for consultation.

4. Decree No. 3964 of 22 August 2020, establishing specific measures for Asunción (the capital city) and the Central Department, from 23 August 2020 until 6 September 2020.
5. Decree No. 4000 of 29 August 2020, extending the duration of the measures corresponding to phase 4 of the Plan for the gradual lifting of the general preventive confinement (Decrees No. 3835/20 and No. 3943/20) throughout the national territory, except for Asunción (the capital city), the Central, Alto Paraná and Boquerón Departments, and the district of Carmelo Peralta in the Alto Paraguay Department, until 6 September 2020.

In this regard, it is reiterated that these measures, as well as others reported previously that remain in effect, have been issued in exercise of the exceptional powers invested in the State to protect the life and health of the entire population, which are fundamental public goods under articles 4 and 68 of the Constitution, and they temporarily limit 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 proportional manner, to serve the common interest by addressing the spread of the disease caused by the COVID-19.

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, 4 September 2020

15 September 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'D' and 'N' with a horizontal line underneath.