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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 12 July 2022

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

MP/UN/NY/No. 902/2022

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Paraguay to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat and, in reference to notes MP/UN/NY/No. 1033/2020, MP/UN/NY/No. 1129/2020, MP/UN/NY/No. 1395/2020, MP/UN/NY/No. 1723/2020 and MP/UN/NY/No. 1745/2021 concerning the notification of the measures taken by the Government of Paraguay following the declaration of a public health emergency to address the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), in accordance with article 4, paragraph 3, of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, has the honour to report the following information.

Under the state of public health emergency declared by Decree No. 3456 of 16 March 2020, and taking into consideration the development of the epidemiological situation in the country, President Mario Abdo Benítez, as part of the plan for the gradual lifting of the preventive isolation measures, has ordered specific measures by geographical area, as described below.

Specific measures for the entire country

1. Decree No. 6193 of 1 November 2021, extending the legal effect of Decree No. 6085/2021 until 16 November 2021;
2. Decree No. 6278 of 15 November 2021, extending the legal effect of Decree No. 6085/2021 until 30 November 2021;
3. Decree No. 6380 of 29 November 2021, extending the legal effect of Decree No. 6085/2021 until 10 December 2021;
4. Decree No. 6433 of 7 December 2021, with legal effect from 9 December 2021 to 21 December 2021;
5. Decree No. 6499 of 20 December 2021, extending the legal effect of Decree No. 6433/2021 until 4 January 2022;
6. Decree No. 6563 of 4 January 2022, with legal effect from 5 January 2022 to 18 January 2022;
7. Decree No. 6579 of 18 January 2022, extending the legal effect of Decree No. 6563/2022 until 1 February 2022;

¹ Refer to depositary notification CN.318.2020.TREATIES-IV.4 of 15 July 2020 (Notification under article 4 (3): Paraguay).

8. Decree No. 6599 of 1 February 2022, extending the legal effect of Decree No. 6563/2022 until 15 February 2022;
9. Decree No. 6673 of 15 February 2022, extending the legal effect of Decree No. 6563/2022 until 23 February 2022;
10. Decree No. 6939 of 18 April 2022, repealing Decree No. 3456/2020 and Decree No. 3442/2020.

The specific measures contained in the various decrees, copies of which are attached hereto, were ordered in exercise of the exceptional powers granted to the Government to protect the life and health of the entire population, in accordance with articles 4 and 68 of the Constitution. The measures partially and temporarily place reasonable and proportional restrictions on the enjoyment of the individual rights protected under article 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to serve the common interest by addressing the spread of the disease caused by the COVID-19 virus.

The scope and period of validity of the measures were successively established and extended, in accordance with the attached decrees, on the basis of the periodic monitoring of epidemiological and health system service indicators in the country. The measures were finally lifted pursuant to Decree No. 6939 of 18 April 2022, also attached, repealing Decree No. 3456/20.

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

New York, 11 July 2022

NB. All the decrees are available on the official website of the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare (<https://www.mspbs.gov.py/decretos-covid19.html>).

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