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

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

The above action was effected on 27 October 2020.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

MP/UN/NY/No. 1723/2020

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

Under the 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 ordered the following specific, geographical measures, as part of the plan for the gradual lifting of the preventive isolation measures:

1. Central Department and Asunción (capital). The measures established by Decree No. 3964/2020 were extended until 20 September 2020, by Decree No. 4016, of 5 September 2020, and until 4 October 2020, by Decree No. 4066, of 19 September 2020.
2. Alto Paraná Department. The measures established by Decree No. 3965/2020 were extended until 20 September 2020 by Decree No. 4017, of 5 September 2020, and until 4 October 2020 by Decree No. 4067 of 19 September 2020.
3. Concepción and Caaguazú Departments. The specific measures established by Decree No. 4045, of 12 September 2020, with effect until 27 September 2020, were extended until 4 October 2020 by Decree No. 4095, of 26 September 2020.

<sup>1</sup> The texts of Decrees No. 4015, No. 4016, No. 4017, No. 4045, No. 4065, No. 4066, No. 4067, No. 4095, No. 4115 and No. 4220, attached to the notification, are on file with the Secretary-General and available for consultation.

4. Rest of the country. The measures established by Decree No. 3835/2020, corresponding to phase 4 of the plan for the gradual lifting of the preventive isolation measures, were extended until 20 September 2020 by Decree No. 4015, of 5 September 2020, and until 4 October 2020, by Decree No. 4065, of 19 September 2020.

Subsequently, by Decree No. 4115, of 3 October 2020, specific unified measures were established for the entire country, as part of the plan for the gradual lifting of the preventive isolation measures, that were in effect from 5 until 25 October 2020 and were extended until 15 November 2020, by Decree No. 4220 of 25 October 2020. Any decision regarding further extensions will depend on the periodic monitoring of epidemiological and health system service indicators.

The specific measures contained in the decrees, copies of which are attached hereto, have been ordered in exercise of the exceptional powers invested in the State to protect the life and health of the entire population, which are basic public goods under articles 4 and 68 of the Constitution. The measures, partially and temporarily place reasonable and proportional restrictions on the individual rights protected under articles 9, 12 and 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to serve the common interest by addressing the spread of the disease caused by COVID-19.

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

New York, 27 October 2020

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4 November 2020

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