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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 4 February 2021.

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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 and MP/UN/NY/No. 1723/2020, concerning the notification of the measures taken by the State 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 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, ordered specific measures corresponding to fixed time periods, as described below.

Specific measures for the entire country

1. From 26 October to 15 November 2020: By Decree No. 4220 of 25 October 2020, new specific measures were established for the entire country.
2. From 16 November to 6 December 2020: By Decree No. 4331 of 15 November 2020, specific measures were established for the entire country, with the exception of the district of Caacupé, for which particular measures were established under Decree No. 4330.
3. From 7 to 20 December 2020: By Decree No. 4455 of 6 December 2020, specific measures were established for the entire country, with the exception of the district of Caacupé.

¹ The texts of Decrees Nos. 4220, 4330, 4331, 4410, 4455, 4525 and 4705, attached to the notification, are on file with the Secretary-General and available for consultation.

4. From 21 December 2020 to 10 January 2021: By Decree No. 4525 of 18 December 2020, specific measures were established for the entire country.

5. From 11 to 31 January 2021: By Decree No. 4705 of 10 January 2021, new specific measures were established for the entire country.

Specific measures for the district of Caacupé

1. From 14 November to 16 December 2020: By Decree No. 4330 of 13 November 2020, new specific measures were established for the district of Caacupé, owing to the religious celebrations in honour of the Virgin of Caacupé.

2. Enhancement of Decree No. 4330 of 13 November 2020: By Decree No. 4410 of 29 November 2020, Decree No. 4330 of 13 November 2020, establishing new specific measures for the district of Caacupé, was enhanced.

Any decision regarding extensions or new decreed measures 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 crucial public goods under articles 4 and 68 of the Constitution. The measures partially and temporarily place reasonable and proportional restrictions on the exercise of 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, 4 February 2021

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