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**DECLARATION OF AN AREA WITH A LOW PREVALENCE OF FRUIT FLIES
OF THE GENUS *ANASTREPHA* OF QUARANTINE SIGNIFICANCE**

COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, dated 5 March 2015, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

1. Pursuant to Article 7 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and paragraph 3(b) of Annex B thereto, Mexico hereby advises WTO Members that the Decision declaring the north-east of the municipality of San Blas in the State of Nayarit to be an area with a low prevalence of fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine significance, was published in the Mexican Official Journal (*Diario Oficial de la Federación*) on 24 February 2015.

2. The Decision declares the north-east of the municipality of San Blas in the State of Nayarit to be an area with a low prevalence of fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine significance, as a result of compliance with the provisions set forth in points 4.13.1 and 4.13.2 of Mexican Official Standard NOM-023-FITO-1995 establishing the National Campaign Against Fruit Flies. The Decision was published in order to declare the north-east of the municipality of San Blas in the State of Nayarit to be an area with a low prevalence of fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* of quarantine significance. The boundaries of the north-eastern area of the municipality of San Blas are defined in Annex I to the Decision. This declaration is expected to have a positive impact on 4,602.8 hectares of mangoes and 100 hectares of plums, which produce 54,749 tonnes of fruit a year.

3. The Decision is available in Spanish at: <http://www.dof.gob.mx>, http://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5383093&fecha=24/02/2015, or from the National Enquiry Point (normasomc@economia.gob.mx).

4. Lastly, Mexico wishes to state that this communication is being made for the purposes of transparency, without prejudice to Mexico's rights and obligations under the SPS Agreement.
