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**DECLARATION OF A PHYTOSANITARY EMERGENCY DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF  
LOCUSTS (*SCHISTOCERCA CANCELLATA*) IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ALTO  
PARAGUAY AND BOQUERÓN IN THE WESTERN REGION OF PARAGUAY**

COMMUNICATION FROM PARAGUAY

The following communication, dated 12 April 2017, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Paraguay.

1. On 28 February, Paraguay issued Resolution No.127/17, which declares a 60-day phytosanitary emergency in the departments of Alto Paraguay and Boquerón in the western region of the country due to the presence of locusts (*Schistocerca cancellata*). US\$170,000 has been made available to contain this pest. The Resolution may be viewed at: <http://web.senave.gov.py:8081/docs/Boton-de-Emergencia-Fitosanitaria/RESOLUCION%SENAVE%20127.pdf>.
2. Within this context, working groups have been established to monitor the pest's presence at all times. This ensures the early identification of outbreaks of juvenile locusts and enables control measures to be taken promptly so as to stem outbreaks and prevent them from spreading. The groups include a permanent monitoring group and three control groups.
3. It was decided that control measures would entail the ground spraying of contact and ingestion products (cypermethrin 25% and chlorpyrifos 48%) in a manner consistent with the pest's stage of development (young locusts).
4. According to an assessment made during the first month of the phytosanitary emergency declared in the departments of the Chaco, the main locust outbreaks occurred in the Chaco areas of Teniente Pico and Nueva Asunción in the department of Boquerón; and in Madrejón, Tte. Martínez, Toro Pampa and Fortín Torres in the department of Alto Paraguay.
5. The affected area has experienced six outbreaks and a total of 30 sub-outbreaks, during which locusts at various stages of development were detected. The locust infestations occur in the Alto Chaco in a swathe 60 km wide running from north to south; the insects move within this swathe from west to east, parallel to, but away from, the main areas of agricultural production.

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