

**STATEMENT BY PARAGUAY IN THE MEETING
OF 7-8 NOVEMBER 2002**

The delegation of Paraguay wishes, in the interests of transparency, to inform the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of the efforts undertaken by Paraguay over a considerable period of time to be free of Newcastle disease by the end of the year 2000.

The implementation of the programme to control this disease began in 1996, while the eradication programme was introduced in 1998. The strategies employed in these programmes are based on vaccination, active epidemiological surveillance, control of outbreaks and health education.

The implementation of the above-mentioned strategies enabled the country to declare itself to be free of Newcastle disease in December 2000, and that status has been maintained up to the present day.

Further details of the measures undertaken by Paraguay in this field are contained in a communication presented to the Secretariat for circulation to all the Members of this Committee (G/SPS/GEN/361).
