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NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 13 January 2014, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the **Dominican Republic**. The notification concerns domestic support commitments (**Table DS:1**) for the year **2012**.

The only domestic support measures applied by the Dominican Republic in 2012, as covered by the Agreement on Agriculture, are those listed in the attached supporting table. Only subheading (a) of Supporting Table DS:1 was considered applicable in the case of the Dominican Republic (see annexes).

Supporting Table DS:1

DOMESTIC SUPPORT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REPORTING PERIOD: 2012

Measures exempt from the reduction commitment: "Green Box"

Measure type	Name and description of measure with reference to criteria in Annex 2	Monetary value of measure (DR\$)
1	2	3
(a) General services		
(i) Agricultural research:	<u>National Council for Agricultural and Forestry Research (CONIAF)</u> Builds up, promotes and directs the National Agriculture and Forestry Technology Generation and Transfer System, providing financing from the research fund to encourage scientific and technological capacity building in public and private institutions.	285,194,311.00 53,984,922.00
	<u>Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (IDIAF)</u> Develops and/or adapts technologies that optimize use of the country's natural and human resources, while ensuring economic and environmental sustainability and contributing to poverty reduction. Integrates and promotes greater interaction with the other institutions in the agricultural public sector.	231,209,389.00
	(ii) Pest and disease control (plant and animal health, and inspection services): <u>Epidemiology, and disease control and eradication</u> Health programmes to develop quarantine control and epidemiological surveillance policies aimed at reducing or eradicating diseases that might spread to epidemic or pandemic proportions or become endemic in the Dominican Republic. Development of epidemiological surveillance programmes in potentially highly vulnerable areas such as those bordering on the Republic of Haiti, and in ports and airports.	171,193,359.71
	<u>Health research and production of biologicals</u> Conduct health research with a view to developing disease control methods and procedures to ensure animal health and well-being, food safety and environmental protection. Carry out research in order to increase the production of livestock-derived food products.	4,195,333.25

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	<u>Institutional strengthening of the inspection system</u> Establish technical capacity-building and leadership programmes for the inspection of fruit and vegetable production and for port, airport and border inspection, so as to detect the emergence of problems relating to diseases, zoonoses and the application of national and international technical standards.	3,174,607.90
(iii) Training services:		86,785,061.43
	<u>Technical assistance and agricultural training</u> Provide training so that producers can improve their cultivation techniques, become familiar with new production methods and learn how to make better use of resources, etc.	62,094,091.47
	<u>Training (grants: Autonomous University of Santo Domingo (UASD), Higher Agricultural Institute (ISA), Salesiano and Loyola Institutes)</u> Agricultural training grants for young people.	17,193,999.96
	<u>Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Centre (CATIE) - Agricultural and Forestry Development Centre (CEDAF)</u> Develop human resources to strengthen the agricultural and forestry sectors.	7,496,970.00
(iv) Extension and advisory services (agricultural):		41,835,904.38
	<u>Rural organization</u> This programme aims to strengthen producers' and youth organizations in rural areas so that they can develop the production capacity of their agricultural holdings. Promote the establishment of mechanisms to sustain concrete and effective participation of rural organizations in agricultural sector plans, programmes and projects. Put forward alternative solutions to problems identified by these organizations in the country's various rural communities, and promote business practices suited to today's needs. Encourage and set up home and community vegetable gardens in urban and suburban areas.	36,020,384.79
	<u>Boosting the development of economic organizations of the rural poor in border areas</u> Includes the promotion of family farming and the designation of rural areas for sowing and growing short-cycle crops. Promote livestock production units, the development of pig breeding, technology transfer, support services, good farming and livestock practices, soil conservation practices, and the strengthening of agricultural cooperatives.	5,815,519.59
(v) Marketing services:		1,894,428,345.69
	<u>Promotion of rice production</u> Programmes aimed at increasing productivity in the rice sector (levelling, drainage, water supply, pest control, etc.)	338,872,288.97

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	<u>Promotion of other crops (agricultural development)</u> Programmes aimed at increasing productivity in other crop sectors (levelling, drainage, water supply, pest control, etc.)	1,069,137,711.01
	<u>Seed promotion and distribution</u> Ensure that producers in various sectors are supplied with certified seeds. Promote certified organic agriculture. Promote and validate technological packages to encourage the growing of staple crops and 30 export products.	26,245,345.57
	<u>Development of the cocoa sector</u> Train producers in the management of cocoa genetic resources, establishment and operation of nurseries, multiplication by grafting, pest management and control, plantation management, pruning, shade management, fertilization, and harvest and post-harvest management.	40,186,678.21
	<u>Land preparation (agricultural mechanization)</u> Promote sustainable soil conservation practices. Implement crop zoning in accordance with the characteristics of available resources for agricultural production and environmental conditions. Use of modern land preparation equipment and increased mechanization of tasks.	118,998,527.09
	<u>Provision of inputs and small-scale tools</u> Provide small producers with farming tools and the inputs needed to grow various crops.	4,293,948.91
	<u>Promotion and development of agribusinesses</u> Strengthen the fruit and vegetable clusters, and step up training and coaching of export businesses. Stimulate research and the introduction of a technological package to optimize production processes. Develop and encourage the use of biotechnology.	83,771,977.47
	<u>Promotion of fruit production</u> Increase fruit production by producing high-quality crops under an agricultural conversion programme conducted in rural holdings, by means of a pilot plan involving demonstration plots sown with seedlings of different fruit species. Strengthen producers' associations, cooperatives and clusters that produce and export fruit.	98,736,639.86
	<u>Programme to support the transition to a competitive agrifood industry (PATCA)</u> Eligible producers benefit from various forms of technology for levelling the soil and applying new irrigation techniques, and involving little or no tilling; use of <i>in vitro</i> seedlings, pasture rehabilitation and conservation, introduction of tree species, fertigation and a protected crop system.	3,206,610.42
	<u>Construction and rehabilitation of farm roads</u> Implementation of a programme involving the establishment of mechanized brigades to repair and build rural roads throughout the country in order to facilitate road access for rural producers.	110,978,618.18

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(vi) Infrastructure services:	<u>Wholesale Market, Cold-Storage Facility and Greenhouse Programme (PROMEFRIN)</u> Promotion and development of a structure using high-technology equipment for controlled-atmosphere agriculture, in order to raise productivity in the sectors concerned.	6,883,854.87 6,883,854.87
Total		2,493,690,778.23

Source: Agricultural Sector Budget Implementation, supplied by the Department of Agricultural Economics in the Ministry of Agriculture.
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