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**NATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE WTO AGREEMENT ON THE APPLICATION OF
SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES**

COMMUNICATION FROM COSTA RICA

The following communication, dated 17 December 2013, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Costa Rica.

1. A national seminar on the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures was held in San José, Costa Rica, on 2 and 3 December 2013. It was organized in the context of the technical assistance activities conducted by the WTO in 2013 in the area of sanitary and phytosanitary measures (G/SPS/GEN/997/Rev.3), in coordination with the SPS Information and Notification Centre of the State Phytosanitary Service (SFE), the Ministry of Foreign Trade (COMEX), the WTO Secretariat, and the Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation (ITTC).

2. The seminar was designed to build up the capacity and raise the level of understanding of the provisions of the SPS Agreement among officials responsible for the preparation and application of sanitary and phytosanitary measures and representatives of various production sectors.

3. The Government of Costa Rica, and more specifically the SFE's SPS Information and Notification Centre, wishes to thank the WTO Secretariat for holding this national seminar and extends special thanks to Mr Javier Ocampo Beltrán, Analyst in the Agriculture and Commodities Division, for sharing his experience and knowledge during this seminar.
