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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

COMMUNICATION FROM SENEGAL

The following communication, received on 25 February 2016, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of <u>Senegal</u>.

- 1. The Government of Senegal would like to inform Members that significant progress has been made in the area of sanitary and phytosanitary monitoring.
- 2. This is reflected in Prime Ministerial Text **No. 23 019**, **adopted on 21 December 2015**, creating and establishing rules governing the organization and operation of the Senegal National Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (CN-SPS).
- 3. This text follows Decision EX.CL/Dec.610 (XVIII) of the 18th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council on the creation of national SPS committees, held in Addis-Ababa from 24 to 28 January 2011.
- 4. The CN-SPS operates under the authority of the Prime Minister, and is headed by the Executive Secretariat of the National Food Security Council (SE-CNSA).
- 5. Its mission is to monitor the implementation of the SPS Agreement. It also serves as a framework for consultation and sharing information at the national level for the three sister standardization organizations.
- 6. This National Committee is directed by a coordination office whose permanent secretariat has been entrusted to the Directorate of Plant Protection (PNI/SPS), assisted by the OIE and Codex Alimentarius contact points.
- 7. In order to deal with specific issues relating, *inter alia*, to the required notifications and to new or revised technical regulations, the four following sub-committees were created:
 - the Sub-Committee on the Protection of Plants and Plant Products;
 - the Sub-Committee on Animal Health and Animal Products:
 - the Sub-Committee on Food Safety;
 - the Sub-Committee on Fishery Products.
- 8. The National Committee meets once every four months, and as often as required at the request of the Chair.

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