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International Coffee Agreement 2007

**Communication from the
Government of Paraguay**

1. The Executive Director presents his compliments and, for the information of Members, attaches a communication received from the Government of Paraguay, along with his reply.
2. In accordance with Article 45 of the International Coffee Agreement 2007, the withdrawal of Paraguay shall become effective 90 days after the notice is received, namely 26 November 2019.

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**Embajada de la Republica del Paraguay
Londres, Reino Unido**

EP/RU/5/011/2019

London, 28 August 2019

The Embassy of Paraguay presents its compliments to the International Coffee Organization (ICO) and has the honour to forward note VMREI/DGPE/DOEM/213/19 from the Ministry of External Relations (International Economic Organizations Directorate) addressed to the ICO Executive Director - Mr. Jose Sette.

On this regard, the attached and mentioned above note is a formal and official request of Paraguay to withdraw from the International Coffee Agreement (ICA) approved in September 2007.

The Embassy of Paraguay kindly requests for acknowledgment of receiving this communication on today date (Wednesday, 28 August 2019) and reiterates its solicitations (still pending for weeks now) for a meeting between Ambassador Genaro Vicente Pappalardo Ayala and Mr. Jose Sette. During the meeting, Ambassador Genaro Vicente Pappalardo will be delivering the original note.

The Embassy of Paraguay avails itself of this opportunity to renew to compliments to the International Coffee Organization (ICO) the assurance of its highest consideration.

To:

Mr. Jose Sette

Executive Director

International Coffee Organization (ICO)

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REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY
Directorate of Multilateral Economic Agencies

VMREI/DGPE/DOEM/No. 212/19

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate of Multilateral Economic Agencies, presents its compliments to the Embassy of Paraguay to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on the occasion of sending the attached note VMREI/DGPE/DOEM/N° 213/19, addressed to Mr José Sette, Executive Director of the International Coffee Organization, requesting the withdrawal of Paraguay from the International Coffee Agreement 2007.

In this regard, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will greatly appreciate the Embassy's cooperation in forwarding the aforementioned note to its addressee.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate of Multilateral Economic Agencies, is pleased to reiterate to the Embassy of Paraguay to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the assurances of its highest consideration.



A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several fluid, connected strokes.

Asunción, 13 August 2019

To the
Embassy of Paraguay to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
London – United Kingdom

REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY
Ministry of External Relations

VMREI/DGPE/DOEM/ N° 213/19

Asunción, 12 August 2019

Dear Mr Sette:

I refer to the International Coffee Agreement 2007, concluded in London on 28 September 2007, and of which the International Coffee Organization is the Depositary.

In this regard, this note constitutes official notification of the withdrawal of the Republic of Paraguay from the said Agreement.

I take this opportunity to reiterate to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.



Antonio Rivas Palacios
Ministro

Signed: Antonio Rivas Palacios
Minister

Mr José Sette
Executive Director
International Coffee Organization
London
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

H.E. Mr Genaro Vicente Pappalardo Ayala
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28 August 2019

Your Excellency

On behalf of the International Coffee Organization I present my sincere compliments to you and acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 28 August, including note VMREI/DGPE/DOEM/N°213/19 from the Ministry of External Relations of Paraguay.

It is with great sadness to hear of the intention of the Government of Paraguay to withdraw from the International Coffee Agreement, particularly at a time when the ICO is leading a structured sector-wide dialogue to secure a commitment by industry and Governments to address coffee price levels, price volatility and the long-term sustainability of the coffee sector.

I would very much welcome a meeting with you once I return from mission in the Republic of Korea. My office will be in touch to confirm a suitably convenient time.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



José Sette