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Dear Friends,

Today the Republic of Paraguay celebrates 210 years of its National Independence, which occurred in May, 1811.

The celebration of our Independence is the most important patriotic event in my country. It is the time in which, every year, Paraguayans come together to commemorate the emergence of Paraguay as a country, and as an independent nation.

Today, though we still cannot meet without restrictions, we can nonetheless proudly express our pride in being Paraguayans, and celebrate all that this implies, especially in terms of our identity as a people, and the civic and social commitment we undertake as citizens, within and beyond national borders.

These 210 years have been a time of restless struggles and sacrifices, yet through them Paraguay has retained the same founding principles, and continues to face the transformations and adaptations that the current world requires with a positive disposition.

Independence is a dynamic event, and although it started for Paraguay on the night of the 14th, and culminated shortly thereafter in the early morning of the 15th of May 1811, it has been reaffirmed time and again over the years. It is our duty and responsibility to reinforce it day after day.

The Paraguay of today is determined to make its relationships abroad a high priority, fully aware that the future of the world relies on international cooperation. It endeavors to have a greater international presence, not only motivated by its strategic interests, but by its international commitments, and always within the framework of principles and values.

In this spirit, the bilateral relations between Paraguay and the United Kingdom, based on 168 years of uninterrupted bond, have never been stronger, and with important plans to continue reaffirming these ties, the future of this cooperation looks very promising.



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Despite these difficult times that we are going through, the essence of Paraguay will not change. We are a proud nation that has earned its place in the world. Paraguay is an extraordinary country with a glorious history and a very hopeful future. Let's move forward together!

Thank you very much!