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Paraguayan Independence Day

On behalf of the people of the United States and President Obama, I extend my congratulations and warm wishes to the people of Paraguay on the 205th anniversary of its independence on May 15.

The United States and Paraguay enjoy a strong partnership based on a shared commitment to strengthen democratic institutions, increase transparency, and confront poverty. These efforts are a testament to the shared values that make our partnership so strong.

We are grateful for the special friendship Paraguay enjoys with the state of Kansas, and for the warm welcome the Paraguayan people offer our more than 200 Peace Corps volunteers.

The United States also appreciates Paraguay's contributions to the global effort to preserve the resources of our shared planet, a priority for us all. We acknowledge the important role Paraguay plays regionally and internationally, especially in peacekeeping and the UN Human Rights Council.

Once again, “roguerohory pene retã ára!” The people of the United States celebrate this joyous occasion with you.

