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SUBJECT: AGRARIAN REFORM

1. HERewith IS EMBASSY INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF NINTH INSTITUTIONAL ACT PROCLAIMED APRIL 25, 1969.

2. "CONSIDERING THE MOTIVES CONTAINED IN OUR PREAMBLES OF THE INSTITUTIONAL ACTS NUMBERS 5 AND 6, RESPECTIVELY, OF 13 DECEMBER 1968 AND 1 FEBRUARY 1969; "CONSIDERING ALSO THAT AGRARIAN REFORM, FOR ITS EXECUTION, REQUIRES APT INSTRUMENTS WHICH IMPLY CONSTITUTIONAL ALTERATIONS, IT IS RESOLVED TO ISSUE THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONAL ACT:

ARTICLE 1- PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE 157 OF THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION WILL HENCEFORTH READ:

- ART. 157, PARAGRAPH 1. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, THE UNION CAN PROMOTE THE EXPROPRIATION OF RURAL PROPERTY, THROUGH THE PAYMENT OF JUST INDEMNITY, ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LEGAL CRITERIA, IN SPECIAL PUBLIC DEBT BONDS, WITH A CLAUSE FOR EXACT MONETARY CORRECTION, REDEEMABLE IN THE MAXIMUM TERM OF 20 YEARS, IN SUCCESSIVE ANNUAL PORTIONS, USABLE AT ANY TIME AS MEANS OF PAYMENT OF UP TO 50 PERCENT OF THE RURAL LAND TAX AND AS PAYMENT FOR (THE PURCHASE) GOVERNMENT LAND.

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ARTICLE 2- PARAGRAPH 5 OF ARTICLE 157 OF THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION IS SUBSTITUTED BY THE FOLLOWING:  
PARAGRAPH 5. THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC CAN DELEGATE HIS POWERS OF EXPROPRIATION OF RURAL PROPERTY FOR SOCIAL INTEREST, THE DESIGNATION OF PRIORITY ZONES BEING RESERVED TO HIM.

ARTICLE 3- PARAGRAPH 11 OF ARTICLE 157 OF THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION IS HEREBY REVOKED.

ARTICLE 4- THIS INSTITUTIONAL ACT WILL BE IN FORCE ON THIS DATE, ALL PROVISIONS TO THE CONTRARY BEING REVOKED".  
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