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On behalf of the United States government, we send our best wishes to the people of Paraguay on the 206th anniversary of Paraguay's independence on May 15.

The United States and Paraguay share a long history of friendship and a commitment to work together toward an even brighter, more prosperous future. Paraguay's role in ensuring peace and security in the region, and its efforts to expand economic opportunity for all its citizens, attest to its strength and vision.

This year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United States Peace Corps in Paraguay and the 75th anniversary of the Centro Cultural Paraguayo Americano (CCPA) – programs that have brought thousands of Paraguayans and Americans together. The United States remains committed to our longstanding partnership to advance our shared vision for a more secure and prosperous region. We wish all Paraguayans a joyous Independence Day celebration.

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