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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>COLOMBIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Colombian Agricultural Institute (ICA)
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Germplasm and banana reproduction materials
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Countries affected by the special cubense race 4 or Taiwan variant of Fusarium oxysporum.
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Colombian Agricultural Institute Resolution No. 00470 of 27 February 2003, adopting phytosanitary measures to prevent germplasm and banana reproduction materials from entering the country.
6.	Description of content: (a) To prevent the entry into Colombia of germplasm and banana reproduction materials from countries that have registered under their plant protection status the presence of the special cubense race 4 or Taiwan variant of Fusarium oxysporum. (b) The quarantine authorities require a phytosanitary certificate containing an additional declaration that the imported reproduction material comes from a country free of the special cubense race 4 or Taiwan variant of Fusarium oxysporum.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	Proposed date of adoption: 27 February 2003
11.	Date of entry into force: On publication in the Official Journal

12. **Agency or authority designated to handle comments:** [] **National notification authority,** [] **National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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