



Dear Sir/Madam,

The designated operator of **PARAGUAY**, Correo Paraguayo, asks me to inform UPU member countries of the following:

"Correo Paraguayo informs member countries of the Universal Postal Union that it has detected the circulation of illegal Paraguayan postage stamps on the international market.

"The illegal stamps in question were purportedly issued by the Paraguayan Post under the theme 'Winter War' in 2013. The several stamps depict Marshall Carl Gustaf Mannerheim. We received requests from individuals in Finland who wished to acquire these illegal stamps, which had been put up for sale on a well-known online auction site.

"The President of Paraguay's philatelic centre, Roberto Eaton, also filed a complaint with the Post concerning false Paraguayan postage stamps, which depict various subjects and are offered on that same site.

"Given the sensitive nature of the matter, the Post filed a criminal complaint, and the matter will in due time be brought before Interpol for resolution (case No. 1229/2014, *Personas Innominadas s/ Producción y Circulación de Valores no Auténticos*).

"The designated operator of Paraguay clearly states that it did not issue any postage stamps under the theme 'Winter War' in 2013 or before and thus alerts the international postal community to the circulation of these illegal stamps."

Yours faithfully,

Raquel Ferrari
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