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GEORGIA: NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 4 (3)

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 7 March 2006.

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New York, 7 March 2006

Dear Secretary-General,

I have the honour to transmit the enclosed letter from H.E. Mr. Gela Bezhuashvili, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia regarding the measures taken by the President and the Parliament of Georgia to ensure the prevention of further spread of the H5N1 virus on the territory of Georgia.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Ambassador, Permanent Representative
(Signed) Revas Adamia

Annex: 1 page.

H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan
Secretary-General
The United Nations
New York

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Excellency,

In conformity with Article 4 of the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and Article 15 of the Law on the State of Emergency of Georgia, I have to inform you that the President of Georgia on February 26, 2006 has issued the Decree No. 173 on "State of Emergency in the Khelvachauri district" which has been approved by the Parliament of Georgia on February 28, 2006.

The Decree is aimed at preventing further spread throughout Georgia of the H5N1 virus (bird flu) that has been recently detected in the district in question.

The restrictions imposed upon by the Decree are fully in line with provisions of Article 21, paragraphs 2 and 3 (on the restrictions related to property rights) and Article 22, paragraph 3 (on the restrictions related to the freedom of movement) and Article 46 (on the restrictions related to constitutional rights and freedoms) of the Constitution of Georgia and respective provisions of the Law on the State of Emergency of Georgia.

You will be informed in due course when the above Decree is abolished.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Gela Bezhuashvili

His Excellency Mr. Kofi Annan
Secretary General of the United Nations
New York

15 March 2006

