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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS
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THAILAND: 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 8 July 2014.

(Original: English)

“The Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to Article 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), has the honour to inform the latter that Martial Law has been invoked throughout the Kingdom of Thailand on 20 May 2014 at 03.00 hrs. by the Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Army, in accordance with the Martial Law Act B.E. 2457 (1914), to ensure an effective maintenance of peace and order, solely on the grounds of affording vital national security protection.

In this regard, the Kingdom of Thailand has exercised its right of derogation under Paragraph 1 of Article 4 of the ICCPR, specifically in relation to its obligation under: Article 12 (1), by the announcement of a curfew which was lifted on 13 June 2014; Article 14 (5), only where a jurisdiction has been conferred to the Martial Court over Sections 107-112 of the Penal Code and the offences against the internal security of the Kingdom; Article 19, by the prohibition of broadcasting or publishing certain content, particularly those inciting conflict and alienation in the society, false or provoking messages, and Article 21, by the limitation of political gathering. These restrictions are under constant review and are progressively lifted.

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The Permanent Mission would further like to inform the Secretary-General that the non-derogable rights as set forth in Articles 6, 7, 8 (paragraphs 1 and 2), 11, 15, 16 and 18 of the Covenant have not been affected.

The Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations
New York
3 July B.E. (2014)”

17 July 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping loops and lines, positioned below the date.

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