

Reference: C.N.538.2016.TREATIES-IV.4 (Depositary Notification)

INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS  
NEW YORK, 16 DECEMBER 1966

FRANCE: NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 4 (3)<sup>1</sup>

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

The above action was effected on 26 February 2016.

(Translation) (Original: French)

New York, 25 February 2016

*TS/sec*  
*No. 2016-152399*

Sir,

By letter dated 23 November 2015, I brought to your attention the declaration of a state of emergency in France following the coordinated attacks in Paris on 13 November 2015 and requested you to consider my letter a notification for the purposes of article 4 of the Covenant.

The French Government, by Decree No. 2015-1475 of 14 November 2015, decided to implement Act No. 55–385 of 3 April 1955 concerning the state of emergency.

The seriousness of the attacks, their simultaneous nature, and the ongoing unprecedented threat within our borders then necessitated an extension of the state of emergency for a period of three months, with effect from 26 November 2015, by Act No. 2015-1501 of 20 November 2015.

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to depositary notification C.N.703.2015.TREATIES-IV.4 of 31 December 2015 (France: Notification under article 4 (3)).

To date, the terrorist threat, representing “an imminent danger arising from serious breaches of public order”, which constituted the reason for the initial declaration and first extension of the state of emergency, remains at a highly alarming level, as evidenced by national and international events.

Assessment of the measures taken since 14 November 2015 in the context of the state of emergency has confirmed the need for such measures to prevent further attacks and disrupt terrorist networks.

For this reason the state of emergency was extended by Act No. 2016-162 of 19 February 2016, on the same terms.

The French Government wishes to recall that the measures taken in the context of the state of emergency are subject to effective judicial monitoring as well as to particularly close oversight and monitoring by Parliamentary machinery. Lastly, the French Government ensures that local elected officials are consulted and kept fully informed and intends to continue its dialogue with civil society.

The text of Act No. 2016-162 of 19 February 2016 is appended herewith.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) François Delattre

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25 February 2016

**Act No. 2016-162 of 19 February 2016 extending implementation of Act No. 55-385 of 3 April 1955 concerning states of emergency <sup>(1)</sup>**

**NOR: INTX1602418L**

**Consolidated text dated 25 February 2016**

The National Assembly and the Senate having adopted,

The President of the Republic promulgates the following Act;

**Sole Article**

I. The state of emergency declared by Decree No. 2015-1475 of 14 November 2015 implementing Act No. 55-385 of 3 April 1955 and Decree No. 2015-1493 of 18 November 2015 extending to overseas the implementation of Act No. 55-385 of 3 April 1955, extended by Act No. 2015-1501 of 20 November 2015 extending the implementation of Act No. 55-385 of 3 April 1955 concerning states of emergency and strengthening its provisions, is extended for a period of three months with effect from 26 February 2016.

II. While it remains in force, it shall trigger the application of the first paragraph of article 11 of Act No. 55-385 of 3 April 1955 concerning states of emergency.

III. It may be terminated by decree of the Council of Ministers before the expiration of this period. In this case, Parliament shall be so informed.

This Act shall be executed as a State law.

Done at Paris, 19 February 2016.

FRANÇOIS HOLLANDE

By the President of the Republic:

MANUEL VALLS  
Prime Minister

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<sup>(1)</sup> *Travaux préparatoires*: Act No. 2016-162.

*Senate:*

Bill No. 356 (2015-2016);  
Report No. 368 (2015-2016) by Mr. Michel Mercier, on behalf of the Law Commission (2015-2016);  
Commission text No. 369 (2015-2016);  
Discussion and adoption, pursuant to the expedited procedure, 9 February 2016 (TA No. 86, 2015-2016).

*National Assembly:*

Bill No. 3487, adopted by the Senate;  
Report No. 3495 by Mr. Pascal Popelin, on behalf of the Law Commission;  
Discussion and adoption on 16 February 2016 (TA No. 681).

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JEAN-JACQUES URVOAS  
Keeper of the Seals and Minister of Justice

BERNARD CAZENEUVE  
Minister of the Interior

GEORGE PAU-LANGEVIN  
Minister for Overseas

29 July 2016

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