INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS
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JAMAICA: 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 23 January 2018.

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The Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to Article 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (the Covenant).

The Permanent Mission has the honour to inform, in accordance with Article 4 (3) of the Covenant, that on 18th January 2018 the Governor-General of Jamaica issued a proclamation declaring a State of Public Emergency in the Parish of St. James.

The State of Public Emergency has been imposed in the said parish, in order to restore public order and safety in that specific area. It will remain in effect for a period of 14 days, unless extended by the Parliament of Jamaica or terminated at an earlier time. The Proclamation issued by the Governor-General is in strict compliance with the provisions of the Covenant and with the Constitution of Jamaica. During the period of public emergency, the Government of Jamaica may derogate from the provisions of Articles 9, 12, 17, 19 and 21 of the Covenant.

The Permanent Mission has the further honour to inform that the Government of Jamaica hereby requests that the Secretary-General, in his capacity as depository of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, informs all Parties to the Covenant on the provisions from which the Government of Jamaica may derogate and the reason for possible derogation.
The Permanent Mission of Jamaica 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.

New York, 22nd January 2018

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