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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS  
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ECUADOR: 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 4 October 2019.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

No. 4-2-177/2019

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Organization and has the honour to report that the Government of the Republic of Ecuador, on the basis of the powers conferred on it by the Constitution of the Republic, has declared by means of Executive Decree No. 884, of 3 October 2019, a state of emergency throughout the national territory “because of the circumstances of serious domestic unrest, since the blockades in various parts of the country have disturbed public order and are impeding normal vehicular traffic, leading to outbreaks of violence that jeopardize the security and safety of individuals; as well as the warning that those actions may spread throughout the national territory, since the various groups are continuing to call for citizens’ protests of indefinite duration. This situation requires urgent intervention in order to safeguard the security and rights of all individuals.” This declaration will remain in effect for 60 days following the signature of the Executive Decree.

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations further has the honour to report that Executive Decree No. 884 has suspended the following rights set out in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights: article 12, paragraphs 1 and 3 (liberty of movement), article 21 (right of assembly); and article 22, paragraphs 1 and 2 (freedom of association).

In accordance with article 4, paragraph 3, of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations respectfully requests the Secretariat to inform all States parties to the Covenant of this suspension.

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the United Nations Secretariat the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 4 October 2019

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Subsequently, on 8 October 2019, the Permanent Mission of Ecuador notified the United Nations Secretariat, in its note verbale No. 4-2-182/2019, that [i]n this regard and to complement the above-mentioned note, [it] has the honour to transmit the opinion on the constitutionality of Executive Decree No. 884, issued by the Constitutional Court of Ecuador, which recognizes that it is consistent with the Constitution and the domestic laws and rules of Ecuador. The opinion also establishes that the “declaration of the state of emergency shall only remain in effect for thirty days”.

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16 October 2019

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