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

GUATEMALA: 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 23 March 2020.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

DIRDEHU-227-2020  
Guatemala City, 23 March 2020

Sir,

I have the honour to write to you, pursuant to article 4, paragraph 3, of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to inform you that on 21 March 2020, by Government Decree No. 6-2020, Mr. Alejandro Eduardo Giammattei Falla, President of the Republic of Guatemala, in the Council of Ministers, proceeded to amend Government Decree No. 5-2020, by which a state of public calamity was declared throughout the national territory in the light of the announcement by the World Health Organization of the coronavirus epidemic (COVID-19) as a public health emergency of international concern and by the National Coronavirus (COVID-19) Prevention, Containment and Response Plan of the Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance.

In this regard, measures have been adopted that restrict the application of articles 12 and 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, with regard to the right of assembly and the right to freedom of movement, since Government Decree No. 6-2020 limits the right to freedom of movement in accordance with strict provisions, including that “freedom of movement of the inhabitants of the Republic of Guatemala is hereby limited, and this limitation includes the transit and movement of persons, crew, passengers, vehicles or any type of land transport between 4 p.m. and 4 a.m. the following day. This restriction will be in force from Sunday, 22 March 2020 until and including Sunday, 29 March of this year. Should the health situation caused by the effects of COVID-19 require an extension of the measure restricting movement and transit, the corresponding notice shall be issued by presidential order”.

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<sup>1</sup> The text of Government Decree No. 6-2020 of the Republic of Guatemala attached to the notification is on file with the Secretary-General and is available for consultation.

In view of the foregoing, I should be grateful if you would inform the other States parties to the Covenant accordingly.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Eduardo Hernández Recinos  
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs

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31 March 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'E' followed by 'H', 'R', and 'R' in a cursive script, with a horizontal line underneath.