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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS  
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GEORGIA: 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 21 March 2020.

(Original: English)

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The Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and pursuant to Article 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights informs that Georgia exercises the right of derogation from its obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in the entire territory of Georgia.

The Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations informs that following the announcement of the World Health Organization of 11 March 2020 that COVID-19 has been confirmed as pandemic, and taking into account the significant danger the spread of COVID-19 has posed to public health, on 21 March, 2020 the President of Georgia declared the State of Emergency in the entire territory of Georgia, which was approved by the Resolution N5864-II of the Parliament of Georgia on the same day.

Since the first case of COVID-19 was detected on the territory of Georgia on 26 February 2020, the Government has been taking concrete measures to protect public health, including suspension of education process, shifting of public servants to remote work and issuing same recommendations to public sector, gradual restriction of air as well as land traffic, establishment of quarantine procedures and self-isolation, closure of ski-resorts, cancellation of various large-scale cultural and sporting events, closure of all retail facilities apart from those designated within the framework of strategic infrastructure, as well as grocery shops. However, the increase in number of infected persons necessitated adoption of additional measures.

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<sup>1</sup> The texts of the decrees and resolutions of the Government of Georgia attached to the notification are on file with the Secretary-General and are available for consultation.

The Decree N1 of 21 March 2020 of the President of Georgia on the Measures to be Taken in Relation to the Declaration of the State of Emergency in the Entire Territory of Georgia adopted in accordance with the Georgian Constitution and the Law of Georgia on State of Emergency, includes the emergency measures considered necessary in order to limit the spread of the virus and ensure public health. The measures adopted by the Decree include establishment of special rules of isolation and quarantine, suspension of international passenger air, land and sea traffic, suspension of visiting of penitentiary institutions, restriction of assembly, manifestation and gathering, establishment rules and conditions of education other than those established by the relevant laws of Georgia, restrictions on the right to property. The application of these measures gives reasons for the necessity to derogate from certain obligations of Georgia under Articles 9, 12, 17, and 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations attaches to this note the unofficial translations of the Order N1 of the President of Georgia on the Declaration of the State of Emergency in the Entire Territory of Georgia of 21 March 2020, the Decree N1 on the Measures to be Taken in Relation to the Declaration of the State of Emergency in the Entire Territory of Georgia of 21 March 2020, the Resolution N5864-IIs of the Parliament of Georgia on the Approval of the Order N1 of the President of Georgia of 21 March 2020 on the Declaration of the State of Emergency in the Entire Territory of Georgia and the Resolution N5865-IIs of the Parliament of Georgia on the Approval of the Decree N1 of the President of Georgia on the Measures to be Taken in Relation to the Declaration of the State of Emergency in the Entire Territory of Georgia of 21 March 2020.

The State of Emergency has been instituted for a period of 30 days, the emergency situation commenced on 21 March 2020 and shall remain into force until 21 April 2020. Pursuant to Article 4, Paragraph 3 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations shall inform H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, the Secretary-General of the United Nations about future developments with regard to the State of Emergency, and will notify the Secretary-General when these measures have ceased to operate and the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights are fully implemented again.

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

21 March 2020, New York”

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6 April 2020

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