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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS
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STATE OF PALESTINE: 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 30 March 2020.

(Original: English)

“Ref. SGC.51/20

The Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and has the honor to inform that in response to the global outbreak and spread of the novel corona virus (COVID-19), and guided by the World Health Organization advisories, the President of the State of Palestine issued Presidential Decree No. 1 (2020) on the 5th of March 2020, declaring a state of emergency throughout the territory of the State of Palestine for a period of 30 days that could be extended depending on the assessment and advice of health authorities. This step was taken in order to protect and preserve the health of the citizens of the State of Palestine.

Pursuant to Article 4 (3) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations hereby informs the other States Parties, through the intermediary of the Secretary General, that the measures adopted during the state of emergency may derogate from the obligations of the State of Palestine under the present Covenant, including as they pertain to the right to liberty under Article 9, the right to liberty of movement under Article 12 and the right of peaceful assembly under Article 21, to the extent strictly required to contain and combat the spread of the virus.

The measures adopted by the Government of the State of Palestine are required by the exigencies of the situation and are not inconsistent with other obligations under international law and do not involve discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion or social origin.

The Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine shall inform your Excellency of any future developments, including the cessation of the state of emergency.

The Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 30 March 2020”

8 April 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized letters that appear to be 'DN' with a horizontal line underneath.