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GUATEMALA: NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 4 (3)1

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 30 April 2020.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

DIRDEHU-303-2020 Guatemala City, 29 April 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 20 April 2020, Mr. Alejandro Eduardo Giammattei Falla, President of the Republic of Guatemala, issued a Cabinet decree extending the state of public disaster throughout the country because the effects, consequences and spread of COVID-19 persist and are worsening; because the life and health of individuals is a fundamental right that the State of Guatemala must protect; and because it is vital that the measures to avoid serious consequences for the inhabitants of the Republic of Guatemala remain in effect.

The measure was adopted to protect the health, well-being and safety of people by extending the state of public disaster declared through Government Decree No. 7-2020, which is set to expire on 3 May 2020. A 30-day extension period has been established through Government Decree No. 8-2020, published today.

The measures restricting the application of articles 12 and 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, with regard to right of assembly and liberty of movement, remain in force.

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

The text of Government Decree No. 8-2020 of the Republic of Guatemala attached to the notification is on file with the Secretary-General and is available for consultation.

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Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Carlos Ramiro Martínez A. Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs

7 May 2020