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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS  
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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 17 May 2020.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

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Guatemala City, 15 May 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 in accordance with Government Decrees Nos. 5-2020, 6-2020, 7-2020 and 8-2020 of the President of the Republic adopted in the Council of Ministers, and Decrees Nos. 8-2020, 9-2020 and 21-2020 of the Congress of the Republic, approving, amending and extending the state of public disaster throughout the country to monitor and enforce the National Coronavirus (COVID-19) Prevention, Containment and Response Plan in Guatemala, and the new coronavirus care and response protocol - epidemiological surveillance of acute respiratory infection by COVID-19, issued by the Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance.

In this regard, I wish to convey that the presidential regulations in the event of public disaster and measures for strict compliance issued, on 14 May 2020, by the President of the Republic of Guatemala, Dr. Alejandro Eduardo Giammattei Falla, were adopted under the principles of public health and social justice, in accordance with the purpose of the State to serve the common good. These presidential regulations amend 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, and came into effect on Friday, 15 May 2020, at midnight.

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<sup>1</sup> The texts of the presidential regulations of 14 May 2020 issued during the state of public disaster and the measures that have been adopted to ensure their strict enforcement attached to the notification are on file with the Secretary-General and are available for consultation.

In view of the foregoing, I should be grateful if you would inform the other States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights accordingly.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Eduardo Hernández Recinos  
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs

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In a communication dated 18 May 2020, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Guatemala to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that the measures restricting the application of articles 12 and 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in accordance with the presidential regulations of 14 May 2020 would be in effect from Friday, 15 May 2020, at midnight to Monday, 18 May 2020, at 5 a.m.

28 May 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'E' followed by 'H', 'R', and 'R'.