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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS  
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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: 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 31 July 2020.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

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New York, 28 July 2020

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you, on behalf of the Dominican Government, that owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government declared a state of emergency on 20 July 2020 through Decrees No. 265-20 and No. 266-20, as authorized by the National Congress in resolution No. 70-20, of the 19 July 2020, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Dominican Republic and Act No. 21-18 of 25 May 2018 on the regulation of the states of emergency. The state of emergency was declared for a period of 45 days, starting on 20 July 2020.

This notification is being made pursuant to article 17 of the above-mentioned Act No. 21-18, which provides as follows: “*Once the state of emergency has been declared, and if it provides for a suspension of guarantees, the other States parties to the duly ratified international human rights treaties referred to in this Act shall be informed immediately, through the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States, respectively, of the legal provisions whose application has been suspended and the reasons for such suspension. Similar communications shall be made once the suspension is terminated.*” Likewise, the international human rights treaties ratified by the Dominican State are taken into consideration, and the fact that at least one of the fundamental rights, the right to freedom of movement, association and assembly, is affected by the aforementioned state of emergency.

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<sup>1</sup> The texts of the relevant decrees and resolutions are on file with the Secretary-General and available for consultation.

In this regard, I wish to inform you, for all pertinent purposes, of the temporary restrictions on the following rights:

- (a) Freedom of movement, enshrined in article 12 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and article 15 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.
- (b) Freedom of association, enshrined in article 22 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, article 7 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, article 15 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and article 29 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- (c) Right of assembly, enshrined in article 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and article 15 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The executive branch, headed by His Excellency Mr. Danilo Medina Sánchez, President of the Republic, in collaboration with the other powers of the State, is doing its utmost efforts to contain the spread of the aforementioned pandemic, assuring that the declared state of emergency will be of the shortest duration possible.

Please, accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Francisco A. Cortorreal  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

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3 August 2020

