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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS
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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 3 September 2020.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

DIRDEHU-867-2020
Guatemala, 31 August 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 the President of the Republic adopted in the Council of Ministers Government Decrees Nos. 5-2020, 6-2020, 7-2020, 8-2020, 9-2020, 12-2020 and 15-2020, approved and amended by Decrees Nos. 8-2020, 9-2020, 21-2020, 22-2020, 27-2020 and 28-2020 of the Congress of the Republic regarding the declaration and approval of the state of public disaster throughout the national territory to ensure compliance with the National Coronavirus (COVID-19) Prevention, Containment and Response Plan in Guatemala, issued by the Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance.

In this regard, I wish to convey that the President of the Republic of Guatemala, Dr. Alejandro Eduardo Giammattei Falla, decided in the Council of Ministers, on 24 August 2020, to extend the state of public disaster for thirty additional days due to the fact that COVID-19 and its consequences over the life and health of individuals are spreading and the State must guarantee the said fundamental rights and continue to adopt the health and economic measures required to avoid serious consequences for the inhabitants of the Republic of Guatemala and to mitigate the risk of infection of COVID-19 and its impacts on the country.

Furthermore, I wish to inform you that presidential regulations in the event of public disasters and measures for strict compliance issued by the President of the Republic of Guatemala 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

¹ The texts of Government Decree No. 17-2020 regarding the extension of the state of public disaster and of the presidential regulations in the event of public disasters and measures for strict compliance issued by the President of the Republic of Guatemala on 25 August 2020 are on file with the Secretary-General and are available for consultation.

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 26 August 2020, at midnight.

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) Carlos Ramiro Martínez A.
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs

9 September 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'C' followed by 'R' and 'M', with a horizontal line underneath.