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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 17 November 2020.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

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Guatemala City, 16 November 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, in accordance with Government Decrees Nos. 20-2020 and 21-2020, adopted in the Council of Ministers on 5 and 6 November 2020, respectively, Mr. Alejandro Eduardo Giammattei Falla, President of the Republic of Guatemala, declared a state of emergency in the Petén, Quiché, Alta Verapaz, Izabal, Chiquimula, Zacapa, Jutiapa, El Progreso, Santa Rosa and Huehuetenango Departments, which shall remain in effect for 30 days from the dates on which the decrees came into force.

The state of emergency was declared because Tropical Depression ETA has caused flooding and landslides throughout the country, which have been severe in certain areas, with regrettable loss of life and property. The goal is to avoid more serious consequences and, primarily, to protect and defend the lives, wellbeing and security of Guatemalans.

Consequently, measures have been adopted restricting the application of articles 12 and 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, with regard to the right to liberty of movement and the right of assembly.

¹ The texts of Government Decrees Nos. 20-2020 and 21-2020 of 5 and 6 November 2020, respectively, attached to the notification, are on file with the Secretary-General and available for consultation.

I should be grateful if you would inform the other States parties to the Covenant accordingly.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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

23 November 2020

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