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

The above action was effected on 17 February 2020.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

J/1/412
New York, 17 February 2020

Sir,

I have the honour to address you, in your capacity as depositary of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to transmit the notification by the Government of Guatemala pursuant to article 4, paragraph 3, of the Covenant.

At a meeting of the Council of Ministers held on 11 February 2020, the President of the Republic of Guatemala, Dr. Alejandro Eduardo Giammattei Falla, declared, by Government Decree No. 4/2020, the state of emergency in the municipalities of Escuintla, Nueva Concepción, Santa Lucía Cotzumalguapa, Tiquisate, San José and Palín in the Department of Escuintla of the Republic of Guatemala.

The measures have been enacted for a period of six (6) days and restrict the application of articles 12, 19 and 21 of the Covenant, concerning freedom of assembly, freedom of demonstration and freedom of movement. I should be grateful if you would inform the other States Parties accordingly.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Omar Castañeda Solares
Alternate Delegate, Chargé d’affaires a.i.

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19 February 2020

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1 The text of Government Decree No. 4/2020 is on file with the Secretary-General and is available for consultation.