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

The above action was effected on 9 March 2020.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

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New York, 9 March 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 5 March 2020, the President of the Republic of Guatemala, Dr. Alejandro Eduardo Giammattei Falla, declared, by Government Decree No. 5/2020, a state of emergency throughout the national territory as a result of the World Health Organization’s pronouncement on the coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic.

The measures have been enacted for a period of thirty (30) days and restrict the application of articles 12 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) Luis Antonio Lam Padilla
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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10 March 2020

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1 The text of the Government Decree No. 5/2020 attached to the notification is on file with the Secretary-General and is available for consultation.