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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS
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ECUADOR: 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 23 April 2021.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

Note No. 4-2-39/2021

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat and has the honour to inform it that the Government of the Republic of Ecuador, on the basis of the powers conferred upon it by the Constitution of the Republic, has issued Executive Decree No. 1291, declaring “a state of emergency from 8 p.m. on 23 April 2021 until 11.59 p.m. on 20 May 2021, owing to the public disaster in the provinces of Azuay, Imbabura, Loja, Manabí, Santo Domingo de los Tsáchilas, Guayas, Pichincha, Los Ríos, Esmeraldas, Santa Elena, Tungurahua, Carchi, Cotopaxi, Zamora Chinchipe, El Oro and Sucumbíos; and owing to the rapid spread and impact among groups requiring priority care of the new variants of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The Government took that measure also owing to social disorder in the aforementioned provinces as a result of the saturation of the health system and shortage of the medicines and medical supplies necessary for urgent treatment of the disease because of the worsening of the pandemic in the aforementioned provinces of Ecuador, in order to mitigate and reduce the rate of the spread and decongest the public health system in relation to COVID-19 care provision”.

In article 5, the Government declared a “curfew in the provinces of Azuay, Imbabura, Loja, Manabí, Santo Domingo de los Tsáchilas, Guayas, Pichincha, Los Ríos, Esmeraldas, Santa Elena, Tungurahua, Carchi, Cotopaxi, Zamora Chinchipe, El Oro and Sucumbíos, which shall come into effect from 23 April 2021, as follows: from Monday to Thursday, the curfew shall begin at 8 p.m. and end at 5 a.m.; on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, an absolute restriction on movement shall be applied through an uninterrupted curfew, beginning at 8 p.m. on Friday and ending at 5 a.m. on Monday”. Pursuant to the same article, a group of persons and activities are exempt from the aforementioned restriction.

¹ The text of Executive Decree No. 1291 of 21 April 2021 of the Republic of Ecuador attached to the notification is on file with the Secretary-General and is available for consultation.

In compliance with the obligation to supply the necessary information, the Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations wishes to inform the Secretariat that the following rights set out in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights have been suspended through Executive Decree No. 1291: liberty of movement (article 12, paragraphs 1 and 3), right of assembly (article 21); and freedom of association (article 22, paragraphs 1 and 2).

In accordance with article 4, paragraph 3, of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Permanent Mission of Ecuador respectfully requests the Secretariat to inform all the States parties to the Covenant accordingly.

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador takes this opportunity to convey to the United Nations Secretariat the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 23 April 2021.

6 May 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'D' and 'N' with a horizontal line underneath.