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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 27 October 2021.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

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Guatemala, 26 October 2021

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, on 23 October, the President of the Republic decided, in the Council of Ministers, to declare a state of siege in the municipality of El Estor, Department of Izabal, because acts have been committed that affect the order, governance and security of the inhabitants of that municipality. The state of siege will be in effect for a period of thirty days and was published in the Official Gazette of Central America on 24 October 2021.

The declaration of a state of siege is deemed necessary because armed individuals and groups have committed acts of violence against the security forces and the freedom of movement of the inhabitants, thereby affecting individuals, families and the community, and placing at risk the life, liberty, justice, security, peace and comprehensive and property development of the inhabitants. To prevent further consequences, all appropriate measures should be taken, as a matter of urgency, to restore and protect the security and lives of the inhabitants and the authorities of the aforementioned municipality.

To that end, measures have been taken to restrict the application of articles 9, 12 and 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, with regard to the right to liberty, liberty of movement and right of assembly.

¹ The text of Government Decree No. 9-2021, attached to the notification, is on file with the Secretary-General and available for consultation.

I should be grateful if you would inform the other States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights accordingly.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Atzum Arévalo de Moscoso
Acting Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates

3 November 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized initials 'DN' with a horizontal line underneath.