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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS
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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: 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 5 February 2021.

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5 February 2021

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to note No. MRPD-ONU-NY-0515-2020 of 28 July 2020, in which we informed you, on behalf of the Government of the Dominican Republic, that, on 20 July 2020, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and through Decree No. 265-20, as authorized by the National Congress in resolution No. 70-20 of 19 July 2020, in accordance with the Constitution of the Dominican Republic and Act No. 21-18 of 25 May 2018, which regulates the different types of states of emergency, the Government had deemed it necessary to declare a state of emergency for a period of 45 days, starting on 20 July 2020.

That state of emergency has been extended as follows:

- By Decree No. 430-20 of 1 September 2020, as authorized by the National Congress in resolution No. 221-20 of 28 August 2020, the state of emergency was extended for a period of 45 days, starting on 3 September 2020;
- By Decree No. 553-20 of 15 October 2020, as authorized by the National Congress in resolution No. 228-20 of 14 October 2020, the state of emergency was extended for a period of 45 days, starting on 18 October 2020;
- By Decree No. 683-20 of 30 November 2020, as authorized by the National Congress in resolution No. 235-20 of 27 November 2020, the state of emergency was extended for a period of 45 days, starting on 2 December 2020;

¹ The texts of the relevant decrees and resolutions are on file with the Secretary-General and available for consultation.

- By Decree No. 6-21 of 8 January 2021, as authorized by the National Congress in resolution No. 2-21 of 7 January 2021, the state of emergency was extended for a period of 45 days, starting on 16 January 2021.

This notification is being made pursuant to article 17 of the above-mentioned Act No. 21-18, which provides as follows: “Once a state of emergency has been declared, and if it provides for a suspension of guarantees, the other States parties to the duly ratified international human rights treaties referred to in this Act shall be informed immediately, through the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States, respectively, of the legal provisions whose application has been suspended and the reasons for such suspension. Similar notifications shall be sent once the suspension has been lifted.” Based on the international human rights treaties ratified by the Dominican Republic, at least one of the fundamental rights – the right to freedom of movement, association and assembly – is affected by the state of emergency.

I therefore wish to inform you, for all pertinent purposes, that temporary restrictions have been placed on the following rights:

- (a) Liberty of movement, as enshrined in article 12 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and article 15 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;
- (b) Freedom of association, as enshrined in article 22 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, article 7 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, article 15 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and article 29 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- (c) Right of assembly, as enshrined in article 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and article 15 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The executive branch, headed by His Excellency Mr. Luis Abinader, President of the Republic, in collaboration with the other branches of Government, is doing its utmost to contain the pandemic and gives its assurances that the state of emergency will be of the shortest duration possible.

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

(Signed) José A. Blanco
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

16 February 2021

