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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS  
NEW YORK, 16 DECEMBER 1966

EL SALVADOR: NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 4 (3)<sup>1</sup>

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

The above action was effected on 22 July 2022.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

DNU-109-2022

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of El Salvador to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat and hereby refers to the mandate provided in article 4, paragraph [3], of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, according to which any State Party availing itself of the right of derogation shall immediately inform the other States Parties to the Covenant, through the intermediary of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, of the provisions from which it has derogated and of the reasons by which it was actuated, and shall give notice of any circumstances that led to the termination of such suspension or any general comment on its application.

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of El Salvador to the United Nations, subsequent to its note verbale DNU-108-2022 of 21 July 2022, wishes to hereby inform the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations that, on 19 July 2022, the Legislative Assembly of the Republic of El Salvador adopted Decree No. 454, which was published in Official Gazette volume 436, No. 138, dated 21 July 2022. Through this decree, the effects of Legislative Decree No. 333, which was adopted on 27 March 2022 and published in Official Gazette volume 434, No. 62 of the same date and by which a state of emergency was declared, are extended under the same conditions, throughout the national territory, for a period of thirty days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette to continue to restore public order and security and control over the territory.

Pursuant to article 1 of the aforementioned Decree, the following fundamental rights recognized in the Constitution of El Salvador remain provisionally suspended for the aforementioned period:

- Article 7 (Right to freedom of association and peaceful assembly)
- Article 12, second paragraph (Right to a hearing and right of defence)
- Article 13, second paragraph (Period of administrative detention)
- Article 24 (inviolability of correspondence).

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<sup>1</sup> The text of Decree No. 454 of 19 July 2022 attached to the notification is on file with the Secretary-General and is available for consultation.

These constitutional guarantees have been suspended in accordance with the same powers that the Constitution of the Republic grants to the Legislative Assembly of El Salvador, pursuant to article 131, paragraph 27; and article 29.

By virtue of the foregoing, and taking into account compliance with article 4, paragraph 3, of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, El Salvador would like to reiterate that, owing to the exceptional circumstances that are endangering human life, it has decided to make use of its right of derogation with respect to the guarantees included in articles 14, 17 and 22 of the Covenant, for a provisional period of 30 days; and, in this regard, it will greatly appreciate it if the Office of Legal Affairs could take note of and register the present notification and process what is required under the Covenant.

The Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the United Nations would like to reiterate the message of the Government of El Salvador that the protection of the right to life and personal integrity of the people of El Salvador will always be the priority and that, in that regard, El Salvador is implementing the measures necessary to guarantee the life and integrity of its people, who have been systematically affected by violence and criminal acts committed by gangs and organized crime groups that are heavily armed and profit from the extortion of people in the most vulnerable sectors.

The Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 22 July 2022

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28 July 2022

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