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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 10 August 2023.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

Note No. 4-2-81/2023

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat and has the honour to inform it of the issuance and entry into force of executive decree No. 841, of 10 August 2023, the text of which is annexed hereto, by which the President of the Republic, Guillermo Lasso Mendoza, declared a state of emergency owing to serious internal unrest across the country.

The declaration of the state of emergency was issued because of the increase in criminal activity across the country, as reflected in the events described in the recital to executive decree No. 841, which shows that crime rates and violence have been escalating, putting at risk the safety, integrity and lives of citizens, as well as the appropriate, comprehensive and safe exercise of the rights enshrined in the Constitution. This situation requires the urgent intervention of Ecuadorian government institutions to safeguard and uphold the security, integrity and other rights of citizens, and maintain law and order, social peace and the established order.

Pursuant to executive decree No. 841, the rights that are temporarily suspended or limited are:

- The right to freedom of assembly across the country, strictly in relation to the reasons for the state of emergency, provided that the principles of proportionality, necessity and appropriateness are observed, and the other rights protected under the Constitution are fully respected (limited under article 5).
- The right to inviolability of the home across the country (suspended under article 6).
- The right to inviolability of correspondence sent or received (suspended under article 7).

¹ The text of executive decree No. 841 of 10 August 2023 of the Republic of Ecuador attached to the notification is on file with the Secretary-General and is available for consultation.

Consequently, the rights enshrined in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights that have been temporarily limited or suspended under executive decree No. 841 are those contained in articles 17, 21 and 22.

In accordance with article 2 of executive decree No. 841, the state of emergency shall be in effect for 60 days.

In accordance with article 4, paragraph 3, of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Permanent Mission of Ecuador respectfully requests that the Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat inform the other States parties to the Covenant of the issuance and entry into force of executive decree No. 841.

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

New York, 10 August 2023

17 August 2023

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