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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 15 August 2023.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

Note No. 4-2-87/2023

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 refer to its note No. 4-2-81/2023, reporting the issuance and entry into force of executive decree No. 841, of 10 August 2023, by which the Constitutional President of the Republic, Guillermo Lasso Mendoza, declared a nationwide state of emergency for 60 days, owing to serious internal unrest.

In that regard, a copy of executive decree No. 843, of 10 August 2023, by which President Guillermo Lasso Mendoza repealed article 5 of executive decree No. 841, regarding the limitation of the right to freedom of assembly in the national territory, is attached hereto.

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, 14 August 2023

Subsequently, on 15 August 2023, the Permanent Mission of Ecuador clarified that:

(Original: English)

“1) The state of emergency declared by Executive Decree 841 started upon its issuance, that is, 10 August 2023. Although Executive Decree 841 does not explicitly set out the end date of the state of emergency, article 2 does state that its duration is of 60 days.

¹ The text of Executive Decree No. 843 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.

2) As indicated in [note] verbale no. 4-2-87/2023, Executive Decree 843 derogated article 5 of Executive Decree 841, which imposed temporary limitations to the right of freedom of association. Hence, by virtue of Executive Decree 843, articles 21 and 22 of the Covenant are no longer subject to derogation. Additionally, article 17 of the Covenant is still subject to a temporary derogation under the state of emergency declared by Executive Decree 841.”

17 August 2023

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