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BURKINA FASO: NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 4 (3)

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

The above action was effected on 10 March 2025.

(Translation) (Original: French)

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The Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations, Office of Legal Affairs, and, with reference to article 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, has the honour to report the following.

Burkina Faso has repeatedly been the target of terrorist attacks since 2015. This situation has affected the rights of the population and has caused an unprecedented humanitarian crisis. The terrorist attacks have caused huge loss of human life, injuries and extensive material damage. They have also created risks of destabilization in the country, threats to social peace and fear among the population.

In view of the resurgence of these terrorist attacks and their expansion to several regions of the country, the Government, by Decree No. 2023-0444/PRES-TRANS/PM/MDAC/MATDS/MJDHRI of 14 April 2023¹, declared a state of emergency in 22 of the country's 45 provinces from 30 March to 29 April 2023, pursuant to Act No. 023-2019/AN of 14 May 2019 on states of siege and states of emergency in Burkina Faso. The declaration of a state of emergency is aimed at combating terrorism swiftly and effectively and restoring calm among the population.

The extension of the state of emergency for a period of six months, from 29 April to 29 October 2023, was authorized by Act No. 007-2023/AN of 12 May 2023 extending the state of emergency declared by Decree No. 2023-0444. It is aimed at allowing local authorities to create the conditions for better promotion and protection of the human rights of people unjustly affected by violence and the cruelty of terrorist attacks.

¹ The text of Decree No. 2023-0444/PRES-TRANS/PM/MDAC/MATDS/MJDHRI of 14 April 2023 is on file with the Secretary-General and available for consultation.

In accordance with article 5 of Decree No. 2023-0444, the measures provided for in the context of the state of emergency may involve a derogation from the obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, in particular articles 9, 12, 17, 19 and 21. However, the measures do not authorize any derogation from the provisions of articles 6, 7, 8 (paragraphs 1 and 2), 11, 15, 16 or 18 of the Covenant.

The texts of the above-mentioned Act and Decree are attached to this note verbale.

The Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso to the United Nations thanks the Secretariat of the United Nations, Office of Legal Affairs, for its kind cooperation and takes this opportunity to convey the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

17 March 2025

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