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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS  
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ECUADOR: 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 7 January 2025.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

Note No. 4-2-1/2025

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. 493,<sup>1</sup> dated 2 January 2025, the text of which is annexed hereto, by which the President of the Republic, Daniel Noboa Azín, declared a state of emergency in the Provinces of Guayas, Los Ríos, Manabí, Orellana, Santa Elena, El Oro and Sucumbíos, the Metropolitan District of Quito in Pichincha Province, La Troncal Canton in Cañar Province and Camilo Ponce Enríquez Canton in Azuay Province, owing to serious internal unrest and internal armed conflict – the latter of which was addressed by Executive Decree No. 218 of 7 April 2024 – including in the detention centres of the National Social Rehabilitation System nationwide.

This declaration is based on the factual situation described in the preambular part of Executive Decree No. 493, which highlights the increase in rates of violence, the commission of crimes and the intensity of the prolonged presence of organized armed groups in the Provinces of Guayas, Los Ríos, Manabí, Orellana, Santa Elena, El Oro and Sucumbíos, the Metropolitan District of Quito in Pichincha Province, La Troncal Canton in Cañar Province and Camilo Ponce Enríquez Canton in Azuay Province, which also applies to the National Social Rehabilitation System nationwide.

Pursuant to Executive Decree No. 493, the following rights are temporarily suspended or restricted in the Provinces of Guayas, Los Ríos, Manabí, Orellana, Santa Elena, El Oro and Sucumbíos, the Metropolitan District of Quito in Pichincha Province, La Troncal Canton in Cañar Province and Camilo Ponce Enríquez Canton in Azuay Province:

- Article 3, the right to inviolability of the home
- Article 4, the right to inviolability of correspondence

In addition, article 6 of Executive Decree No. 493 establishes a restriction on liberty of movement, every day, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., with exceptions, in the following cantons and/or parishes:

<sup>1</sup> The text of Executive Decree No. 493 of 2 January 2025 of the Republic of Ecuador attached to the notification is on file with the Secretary-General and is available for consultation.

<b>Province</b>	<b>Canton/Parish</b>
Azuay	Camilo Ponce Enríquez Canton
Cañar	La Troncal
Guayas	Durán Canton
Guayas	Balao Canton
Guayas	Tenguel Parish
Los Ríos	Babahoyo Canton
Los Ríos	Buena Fe Canton
Los Ríos	Quevedo Canton
Los Ríos	Pueblo Viejo Canton
Los Ríos	Vinces Canton
Los Ríos	Valencia Canton
Los Ríos	Ventanas Canton
Los Ríos	Mocache Canton
Los Ríos	Urdaneta Canton
Los Ríos	Baba Canton
Los Ríos	Palenque Canton
Los Ríos	Quinsaloma Canton
Los Ríos	Montalvo Canton
Orellana	La Joya De Los Sachas Canton
Orellana	Puerto Francisco de Orellana Canton
Orellana	Loreto Canton
Sucumbíos	Shushufindi
Sucumbíos	Lago Agrio

Consequently, the rights enshrined in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights that have been temporarily suspended under Executive Decree No. 493 are those provided for in articles 12, 17 and 21 of that treaty.

In accordance with the provisions of article 2 of Executive Decree No. 493, the state of emergency shall be in effect for 60 days, starting on 2 January 2025.

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. 493 and of the rights that have been temporarily suspended.

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, 7 January 2025

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10 January 2025

