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

GUATEMALA: 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 19 January 2026.

(Translation) (Original : espagnol)

J/1/081
New York, 19 January 2026

Sir,

I have the honour to write to you, in your capacity as depositary of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, in order to inform you, in accordance with article 4, paragraph 3, of the aforementioned Covenant, that on 18 January 2026, at a Cabinet meeting, the President of the Republic of Guatemala, Bernardo Arévalo de León, decreed a “state of siege” throughout the territory of the Republic of Guatemala, issuing for that purpose Government Decree No. 1-2026, which is attached to this letter.

The state of siege has been declared in response to coordinated acts committed against State security forces by groups calling themselves maras or gangs, including armed attacks against civil authorities, which jeopardize the life, liberty, justice, security, peace, comprehensive development and heritage of the inhabitants of the Republic, as well as public order.

The Government Decree is valid for a period of 30 days and restricts the full exercise of the rights recognized in articles 5, 6 and 33, and in article 38, paragraph 2, of the Political Constitution of the Republic of Guatemala, as well as articles 9, 12 and 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. These limitations will be strictly enforced in order to guarantee the rights of the inhabitants of the Republic of Guatemala and the restoration of public order.

¹ The text of Government Decree No. 1-2026, attached to the notification, is on file with the Secretary-General and available for consultation.

I kindly request your good offices to ensure that the other States Parties are informed of the content of this notification and of the attached Government Decree.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Ambassador José Alberto **Bríz Gutiérrez**
Permanent Representative

23 January 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'J', 'A', 'B', 'G' in a stylized, cursive script. The signature is written over a horizontal line.