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

GUATEMALA: NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 4 (3)<sup>1</sup>

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

The above action was effected on 17 February 2026.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

J/1/274  
New York, 17 February 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 16 February 2026, at a Cabinet meeting, the President of the Republic of Guatemala, Bernardo Arévalo de León, decreed a “state of alert” throughout the territory of the Republic of Guatemala, issuing for that purpose Government Decree No. 2-2026, which is attached to this letter.

The state of alert has been declared in response to the need to continue State measures to prevent and suppress actions against State security forces and public order, including armed attacks against civil authorities by gangs or other activities that disrupt public order, which endanger the lives, liberty, justice, security, peace and comprehensive development of the inhabitants of the Republic and their property, as well as the functioning of State institutions within the constitutional framework.

The Government Decree is valid for a period of 15 days and restricts the full exercise of the rights recognized in articles 12 and 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

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)* Carlos Eduardo **Meyer Sosa**  
Minister Counsellor Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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25 February 2026



<sup>1</sup> The text of Government Decree No. 2-2026, attached to the notification, is on file with the Secretary-General and available for consultation.