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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 notification was originally received on 29 December 2017. Subsequently, on 3 January 2018, Ecuador provided the Secretary-General with further required information.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

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The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat and hereby informs it that, owing to illegal mining activity in Zaruma Canton, El Oro Province, where tunnels or cavities have been dug without regard for any technical standards, causing subsidence and collapse of material inside the mines, and in order to protect the safety of the residents of Zaruma Canton and to address the impact and the collapse of structures on the surface, the Government of the Republic of Ecuador, on the basis of the powers conferred by the Constitution, has declared a state of emergency in Zaruma Canton, El Oro Province, pursuant to Executive Decree No. 158<sup>1</sup> of 15 September 2017.

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations has the honour to inform the Secretariat that the following rights set out in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights have been derogated from with the issuance of Executive Decree No. 158:

- Article 12, paragraph 1: “Everyone lawfully within the territory of a State shall, within that territory, have the right to liberty of movement and freedom to choose his residence.” (freedom of movement);

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<sup>1</sup> The text of Executive Decree No. 158 is on file with the Secretary-General and is available for consultation.

- Article 17, paragraph 1: “No one shall be subjected to arbitrary or unlawful interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to unlawful attacks on his honour and reputation.” (inviolability of the home).

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations, in accordance with article 4, paragraph 3, of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, respectfully requests the Secretariat to inform all States Parties to the Covenant of this derogation.

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the United Nations Secretariat the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 29 December 2017

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On 3 January 2018, the Permanent Mission of Ecuador informed the United Nations Secretariat that the state of emergency declared in the Canton of Zaruma was in effect from 15 September 2017 for a period of sixty days.

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3 January 2018



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