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

ROMANIA: 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 20 March 2020.

(Original: English)

“No. 1801

The Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform of the following:

On 16 March 2020 the President of Romania decreed state of emergency on the territory of Romania in order to ensure the containment of the spread of SARS-CoV-2 virus on the territory of Romania.

The Decree no. 195 by which the state of emergency was declared in accordance with the Romanian Constitution and the relevant law on the regime of the state of siege and of the state of emergency (Emergency Governmental Decision no. 1/1999 as subsequently amended) was published in the Official Gazette no. 212 of 16 March 2020 and is hereby attached. On 19 March the measure decreed by the President of Romania was endorsed by the Romanian Parliament, in accordance with article 93 of the Romanian Constitution.

The Decree includes the emergency measures of immediate and gradual application deemed necessary in order to limit the spread of the virus and ensure public health at national level.

Some of the measures taken or which will be taken in the context, on the basis of the Decree, may involve derogations from the obligations under the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (New York, 16 December 1966)*, to which Romania is a party, in particular articles 12, 17 and 21.

Therefore, the Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations kindly asks that this Note Verbale be considered as notification for the purposes of Article 4 (3) of the Covenant, in disregard of the previous Note Verbale no. 1716 of 17 March 2020.

The initial duration of the state of emergency is of 30 days. The Romanian authorities will subsequently inform of any changes that might occur in relation to the situation.

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<sup>1</sup> The text of Decree no. 195 and its English translation attached to the notification are on file with the Secretary-General and are available for consultation.

The Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Office of the Secretary General of the UN the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 20 March 2020”

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1 April 2020

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