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

EL SALVADOR: 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 17 April 2020.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

New York, 17 April 2020

Excellency,

I have the honour to write to you in reference to my letters dated 26 and 31 March and 14 and 16 April 2020, in which I notified you of the *national state of emergency, public calamity and natural disaster* that the Republic of El Salvador declared over its national territory, and of the corresponding measures limiting certain constitutional rights, in order to prevent, address and control the risk and imminent impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Republic of El Salvador hereby wishes to inform that the Legislative Assembly adopted Decree No. 631 on 16 April 2020, published on the same date in Official Gazette No. 77, Volume No. 247, which provides as follows:

“The validity of Legislative Decree No. 593 of 14 March 2020 on the national state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, published on the same date in Official Gazette No. 52, Volume No. 426, and its subsequent amendments, is hereby extended for fifteen days, starting from the entry into force of this Decree.”

Consequently, the legal effects of the restrictions on certain constitutional rights shall remain in force until 1 May 2020. During the extension of the state of emergency, the constitutional rights that are therefore restricted include: freedom of movement, the right to assemble peacefully without arms for lawful ends, and the right of not being forced to change domicile or residence.

Excellency,

Pursuant to article 4, paragraph 3, of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Salvadorian State wishes to avail again itself of the right of derogation from its obligations under article 12 and 21 of the said Covenant, due to the provisional measures adopted by the Government of El Salvador to prevent, address and control the risk and imminent impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,

¹ The text of Legislative Decree No. 631, attached to the notification, is on file with the Secretary-General and available for consultation.

solely within the period defined by law in the aforementioned decree, and always preserving the paramount interest of protecting human dignity and other rights.

For further information, I have the honour to attach the official publication of the above-mentioned Decree No. 631.

Please, accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Egriselda López
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the
Republic of El Salvador to the United Nations

27 April 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized initials 'DN' with a horizontal line underneath.