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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS  
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REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA: 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 4 May 2020.

(Original: English)

“No. USA-ONU/330/150/2020

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to his capacity as depositary of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, has the honour to inform that pursuant to Article 4 of the Covenant, the Republic of Moldova exercises the right of derogation from its obligations under the ICCPR.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova informs further that following the announcement of the World Health Organization of 11 March 2020 that COVID-19 has been confirmed as pandemic, on the 17th of March 2020, the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova has adopted a Decision on the declaration of a state of emergency on the entirety of the territory of the Republic of Moldova, as a critical measure to stop the spread of COVID-19. The emergency situation commenced on 17 March 2020, and will remain in force until 15 May 2020.

The measures entail restrictions to fundamental rights and freedoms *inter alia* by a way of establishing a special regime of entry and exit from the country, a special regime of movement on the territory of the Republic of Moldova, suspending the activity of educational establishments, introducing the quarantine regime, as appropriate, prohibiting meetings, public demonstrations and other mass gatherings. The application of these measures has triggered the necessity for the Republic of Moldova to derogate from the application of certain provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, in particular, Articles 12 and 21.

Pursuant to Article 4 (3) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations will inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations about future developments with regard to the emergency situation. A further communication will be made on the date on which the Republic of Moldova terminates such derogations and the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights are fully implemented again on its territory.

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<sup>1</sup> The text of the Decision adopted on 17 March 2020 by the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, attached to the notification, is on file with the Secretary-General and is available for consultation.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 18 March 2020”

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15 May 2020

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