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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS
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GEORGIA: NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 4 (3)

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

The above action was effected on 23 May 2020.

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“No. 19/13537

The Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and pursuant to Article 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights has the honor to inform on the developments with respect to the measures already notified by Notes No. 19/9860, dated 21 March 2020 and No. 19/11359, dated 22 April 2020.

As follows, the special regulations imposed by the Government, on the basis of the Presidential Decrees N1 and N2 of 21 March and 21 April 2020, enabled the authorities to successfully control the epidemic situation with the coronavirus in Georgia. On 22 May 2020, the Presidential Decrees enabling the Government to impose certain restrictions expired and in order to ensure further containment of the spread of the virus, on the same day the Parliament of Georgia adopted and the President promulgated special emergency legislation, namely: 1) amendments to the ‘Law on Public Health’ and 2) amendments to Criminal Procedure Code of Georgia which established the remote court hearings and enabled the Government to introduce special rules of isolation and quarantine until 15 July 2020. The Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations attaches to this note the unofficial translations of the amendments to Law of Georgia on ‘Public Health’ and Criminal procedure Code of Georgia.

For these reasons, it is submitted hereby that Georgia extends the derogations from certain obligations under Articles 9, 12, 14, 17 and 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and [P]olitical Rights until 15 July 2020. As underscored in our previous communications, these derogations apply to the obligations only to the extent strictly required by the exigencies of the persisting situation with the coronavirus limited to the scope of the amended “Law on Public Health” and Criminal Procedure Code of 22 May 2020. Notably, the Government of Georgia has already started gradual lifting of certain restrictions since 27 April 2020.

The Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations shall inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations when these measures cease to operate.

The Permanent Mission of Georgia 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.

23 May 2020, New York”

5 June 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized letters that appear to be 'DN' with a horizontal line underneath.