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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS  
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GUATEMALA: 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 2 June 2020.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

DIRDEHU-426-2020  
Guatemala City, 1 June 2020

Sir,

I have the honour to write to you, pursuant to article 4, paragraph 3, of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to inform you in accordance with Government Decrees Nos. 5-2020, 6-2020, 7-2020 and 8-2020 of the President of the Republic adopted in the Council of Ministers, and Decrees Nos. 8-2020, 9-2020 and 21-2020 of the Congress of the Republic, approving, amending and extending the state of public disaster throughout the national territory to monitor and enforce the National Coronavirus (COVID-19) Prevention, Containment and Response Plan in Guatemala, and the new coronavirus care and response protocol - epidemiological surveillance of acute respiratory infection by COVID-19, issued by the Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance.

In this regard, I wish to convey that the President of the Republic of Guatemala, Dr. Alejandro Eduardo Giammattei Falla, decided in the Council of Ministers, on 24 May 2020, to extend the state of public disaster for thirty additional days insofar as, to date, the spread of COVID-19 and its consequences are increasing, the risks to the life and health of individuals are increasing and the State must continue to adopt the health and economic measures required to avoid serious consequences for the inhabitants of the Republic of Guatemala.

<sup>1</sup> The texts of Government Decree No. 9-2020 and presidential regulations of 31 May 2020 issued during the state of public disaster and the measures that have been adopted to ensure their strict compliance attached to the notification, are on file with the Secretary-General and are available for consultation.

Furthermore, I wish to inform you that the presidential regulations in the event of public disasters and measures for strict compliance issued on 31 May 2020 by the President of the Republic of Guatemala were adopted under the principles of public health and social justice, in accordance with the purpose of the State to serve the common good. These presidential regulations amend the measures restricting the application of articles 12 and 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights with regard to right of assembly and liberty of movement, and came into effect on Friday, 15 May 2020, at midnight.

In view of the foregoing, I should be grateful if you would inform the other States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights accordingly.

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

*(Signed)* Carlos Ramiro Martínez A.  
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs

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11 June 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'C' followed by 'R' and 'M', with a horizontal line underneath.