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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS  
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THAILAND: 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 5 June 2020

(Original: English)

“No. 56101/292

The Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to Article 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), has the honour to inform the latter that on 25 March 2020 the Royal Thai Government has declared an emergency situation, by virtue of Section 5 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (2005) (the Emergency Decree), in all areas of the Kingdom of Thailand, which took effect from 26 March 2020 to 30 April 2020, which was extended until 31 May 2020 and 30 June 2020 respectively, in response to the announcement by the World Health Organization that the outbreak of the Coronavirus 2019 or COVID-19 is a pandemic, which is therefore a situation that threatens public order and the safety of people which necessitates stringent and urgent measures to prevent the widespread transmission of the disease.

In this regard, the Kingdom of Thailand considered it necessary to adopt temporary urgent measures in order to protect the public health, safety and peaceful living of the people, as well as suppress the spread of COVID-19. It wishes to inform that some of these temporary urgent measures may involve a derogation from some of its obligations under the ICCPR, particularly Article 12. The Kingdom of Thailand also wishes to emphasise that the measures adopted are strictly required by the exigencies of the situation, are not inconsistent with other obligations under international law, and do not involve discrimination solely on the ground of race, colour, sex, language, religion or social origin.

Attached hereto are unofficial translation of: (1) the Declaration of an Emergency Situation in all areas of the Kingdom of Thailand, issued on 25 March 2020; (2) the Regulation issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree (No. 2), issued on 2 April 2020; (3) the Regulation issued under Section 9 of the Emergency Decree (No. 3), issued on 10 April 2020; (4) the Notification on the Extension of Duration of the Declaration of an Emergency Situation in all areas of the Kingdom of Thailand (1<sup>st</sup> Extension), issued on 28 April 2020; (5) the Regulation issued under Section 9 of the Emergency

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<sup>1</sup> The texts of the declaration of 25 March 2020 and the regulations issued on 2 and 10 April and 1 May 2020 regarding the emergency situation as well as the two extensions issued on 28 April and 26 May 2020, attached to the notification, are on file with the Secretary-General and are available for consultation.

Decree (No. 5), issued on 1 May 2020; and (6) the Notification on the Extension of Duration of the Declaration of an Emergency Situation in all areas of the Kingdom of Thailand (2<sup>nd</sup> Extension), issued on 26 May 2020.

The Permanent Mission of Thailand wishes to further inform the Executive Office of the Secretary-General that the non-derogable rights as set forth in Articles 6, 7, 8 (paragraphs 1 and 2), 11, 15, 16 and 18 of the Covenant have not been affected by the above-mentioned temporary urgent measures.

The Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its high consideration.

Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations,  
New York.  
4 June B.E. 2563 (2020)”

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15 June 2020

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