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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS
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GEORGIA: 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 15 July 2020.

(Original: English)

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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 N19/9860, dated 21 March 2020, N19/11359, dated 22 April 2020 and N19/13537, dated 23 May 2020.

As your Excellency has been already informed, upon expiry of the Presidential Decrees enabling the Government to impose certain restrictions regarding COVID-19, on 22 May 2020 the Parliament of Georgia adopted and the President promulgated special emergency legislation: 1) amendments to the “Law on Public Health” and 2) amendments to Criminal Procedure Code of Georgia which established the remote court hearings and allowed the Government to introduce special rules of isolation and quarantine until 15 July 2020.

Despite the fact that the overall pandemic situation in Georgia remains stable and the Government is gradually lifting the restrictions, in order to maintain the successful results achieved and to effectively combat the coronavirus which still exists in the region and elsewhere, representing a common threat for the whole world, on 14 July 2020 the Parliament of Georgia extended the application of the emergency legislation until 1 January 2021.

For these reasons, it is submitted hereby that Georgia retains the already notified derogations from certain obligations under Articles 9, 12, 14, 17 and 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and [P]olitical Rights until 1 January 2021. 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. As noted above, the Government of Georgia has already started gradual lifting of certain restrictions since 27 April 2020.

¹ The texts of the amendments to the “Law on Public Health” and amendments to Criminal Procedure Code of Georgia attached to the notification are on file with the Secretary-General and are available for consultation.

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 dated 14 July 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.

15 July 2020, New York”

22 July 2020

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