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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS
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GUATEMALA: 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 24 July 2020.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

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Guatemala, 22 July 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 that, in accordance with Government Decree No. 13-2020 of the President of the Republic of Guatemala, it was decided in the Council of Ministers on 18 July 2020, to declare a state of siege throughout the territory of the municipalities of El Estor, Morales and Livingston, in the Department of Izabal, and in the municipalities of Panzós and Santa Catalina La Tinta, in the Department of Alta Verapaz, for a period of thirty days from the date of entry into force of the said Decree.

The above-mentioned measure was declared since a number of actions occurred recently that affect the order, governance and security of the inhabitants of the aforementioned municipalities, due to the fact that individuals and armed groups have committed violent acts against the security forces and the freedom of movement of the inhabitants, which have impacted the individuals, families and the community, by endangering the life, liberty, justice, security, peace and the integral and property development of the inhabitants of those municipalities, and, in order to prevent further consequences, it is necessary to implement, as a matter of urgency, all appropriate measures to restore and guarantee the security and life of the inhabitants and authorities of those municipalities.

In this regard, measures have been adopted restricting the application of articles 9, 12 and 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, with regard to right to liberty, liberty of movement and right of assembly.

¹ The text of Government Decree No. 13-2020 of 18 July 2020, attached to the notification, is on file with the Secretary-General and available for consultation.

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

27 July 2020

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