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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 20 August 2020.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

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Guatemala, 18 August 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 the President of the Republic of Guatemala, Dr. Alejandro Giammattei Falla, decided in the Council of Ministers on 13 August 2020 to declare a state of alert throughout 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 fifteen days from the date of entry into force of Government Decree 16-2020.

The above-mentioned measure was declared since a number of actions occurred recently in the aforementioned municipalities that affect the order, governance and security of the inhabitants, 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, 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 aforementioned municipalities.

In this regard, measures have been adopted restricting the application of articles 12, 19 and 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, with regard to the rights to liberty of movement, freedom of expression and freedom of assembly.

¹ The text of Government Decree No. 16-2020 of 13 August 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) Pedro Brolo Vila
Minister for Foreign Affairs

25 August 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by 'B' and 'V' with a horizontal line underneath.