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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS
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TOGO: NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 4 (3)

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 17 May 2021.

(Translation) (Original: French)

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The Permanent Mission of Togo to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat and, referring to its note verbale No. 1077/MPT-ONU/gac/2020 dated 9 October 2020 transmitting all the documents containing the measures taken by the Government of Togo relating to the country's response to the coronavirus disease pandemic (COVID-19), has the honour to convey the following:

As noted in the relevant documents annexed to the above-mentioned note verbale, as part of the necessary measures to fight against the spread of COVID-19 in Togo and to protect the population from the risks of contamination, the Head of State declared a three-month health state of emergency across the country, starting on 16 March 2020, through decree No. 2020-024/PR of 8 April 2020.

Having expired on 15 June 2020, the health state of emergency was extended for 45 days, starting on 16 June 2020, through order No. 2020-003 of 3 July 2020 which extended the COVID-19 management measures taken as part of the health state of emergency.

This state of emergency has allowed the Government to adopt exceptional health and police response measures that may affect individual and collective rights and freedoms recognized in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, including liberty of movement (article 12), freedom of religion (article 18), the right to liberty of person (article 9), and the right of peaceful assembly (article 21).

In the implementation of the state of emergency and in accordance with article 4 of the aforementioned Covenant, the Government has, on the basis of a temporary derogation, assumed exceptional powers in order to take effective measures to contain the risk of the spread of the virus and to protect the right to life and health of all individuals in the country and all those under its jurisdiction.

The Permanent Mission of Togo to the United Nations thanks the United Nations Secretariat for its kind collaboration and takes this opportunity to convey to it the renewed assurances of its high consideration.

New York, 17 May 2021

21 May 2021

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