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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS
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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: 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 9 June 2021.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

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New York, N.Y.
9 June 2021

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you, on behalf of the Government of the Dominican Republic, that, on 26 May 2021, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic and through Decree No. 345-21, as authorized by the National Congress in resolution No. 117-21 of 26 May 2021, in accordance with the Constitution of the Dominican Republic and Act No. 21-18 of 25 May 2018, which regulates the different types of states of emergency, the Government had deemed it necessary to extend the state of emergency in the national territory for a period of forty-five days, starting on 30 May 2021.

This notification is being made pursuant to article 17 of the above-mentioned Act No. 21-18, which provides as follows: “Once a state of emergency has been declared, and if it provides for a suspension of guarantees, the other States parties to the duly ratified international human rights treaties referred to in this Act shall be informed immediately, through the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States, respectively, of the legal provisions whose application has been suspended and the reasons for such suspension. Similar notifications shall be sent once the suspension has been lifted.” Based on the international human rights treaties ratified by the Dominican Republic, at least one of the fundamental rights – the right to freedom of movement, association and assembly – is affected by the aforementioned state of emergency.

¹ The texts of Decree No. 345-21 and Resolution No. 117-21 are on file with the Secretary-General and available for consultation.

I therefore wish to inform you, for all pertinent purposes, that temporary restrictions have been placed on the following rights:

- (a) Liberty of movement, as enshrined in article 12 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
- (b) Freedom of association, as enshrined in article 22 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
- (c) Right of assembly, as enshrined in article 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The executive branch, headed by His Excellency Mr. Luis Abinader, President of the Republic, in collaboration with the other branches of Government, is doing its utmost to contain the pandemic and gives its assurances that the state of emergency will be of the shortest duration possible.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) José A Blanco
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

10 June 2021

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