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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS  
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GUATEMALA: NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 4 (3) <sup>1</sup>

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

The above action was effected on 19 January 2021.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

DIRDEHU-39-2021

Guatemala City, 14 January 2021

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 Guatemala declared, through Government Decree No. 1-2021 adopted in the Council of Ministers, a state of emergency in the Izabal, Zacapa, Chiquimula, Jutiapa, El Progreso, Petén and Santa Rosa Departments owing to the risk of the displacement of groups of migrants, who will enter the country and, owing to the situation, will not comply with the legal requirements demanded by the immigration authorities nor the public health measures requested by the competent public health authorities.

The declaration of the state of emergency is therefore deemed to be necessary because individuals and groups of people could put at risk the life, liberty, justice, security, health, peace and comprehensive development and property of the inhabitants, and to avoid consequences in the future, it is urgently necessary to take all appropriate action to protect the security and life of the inhabitants and authorities of the aforementioned departments, and to protect the health of the migrants.

To that end, measures have been taken that restrict the application of articles 12, 19, 21 and 22 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, with regard to the right of assembly, freedom of expression, freedom to demonstrate and liberty of movement. The state of emergency was declared for a period of 15 days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette of Central America on 14 January 2021.

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<sup>1</sup> The text of Government Decree No. 1-2021, attached to the notification, is on file with the Secretary-General and available for consultation.

I should be grateful if you would inform the other States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights accordingly.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*(Signed)* Carlos Ramiro Martínez A.  
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs

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29 January 2021

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