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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 9 June 2022.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

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Guatemala, 8 June 2022

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, at a Cabinet meeting on 7 June, the President of the Republic decided to declare a state of siege in the municipalities of Ixchiguán and Tajumulco, Department of San Marcos, because acts have been committed that affect the order, governance and security of the inhabitants of those municipalities. The state of siege will be in effect for a period of thirty days and was published in the Official Gazette of Central America on 8 June 2022.

The declaration of a state of siege is deemed necessary because various armed groups have committed acts of violence against the security forces and the population, placing at risk the life, liberty, justice, security, peace and comprehensive development and heritage of the inhabitants. To prevent further consequences, all appropriate measures should be taken, as a matter of urgency, to restore and protect the security and lives of the inhabitants and the authorities of the aforementioned municipalities.

To that end, measures have been taken to restrict the application of articles 9, 12 and 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, with regard to the right to liberty, liberty of movement and right of assembly.

¹ The text of Government Decree No. 2-2022, 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) Atzum **Arévalo de Moscoso**
Acting Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates

16 June 2022

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