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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS  
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EL SALVADOR: 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 27 March 2022.

(Translation) (Original: Spanish)

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of El Salvador to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat and hereby refers to the mandate provided in article 4, paragraph [3], of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, according to which “Any State Party to the present Covenant availing itself of the right of derogation shall immediately inform the other States Parties to the present Covenant, through the intermediary of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, of the provisions from which it has derogated and of the reasons by which it was actuated.”

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of El Salvador to the United Nations informs the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat that, on 26 March 2022, the Legislative Assembly of the Republic of El Salvador approved Decree No. 333, published in Official Gazette volume no. 434, number 62, dated 27 March 2022, by means of which it declared a “state of emergency” throughout the national territory owing to serious disturbances to public order by criminal structures that threaten the life, peace and security of the Salvadoran population.

According to article 4 of Legislative Decree No. 333, and as an exceptional measure, the following fundamental rights recognized in the Constitution of El Salvador have been suspended at the national level for a period of 30 days:

- Article 7 (Right to freedom of association and peaceful assembly)
- Article 12, second paragraph (Right to a hearing and right of defence)
- Article 13, second paragraph (Period of administrative detention)
- Article 24 (inviolability of correspondence).

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<sup>1</sup> The text of Legislative Decree No. 333 of El Salvador attached to the notification is on file with the Secretary-General and is available for consultation.

Constitutional guarantees have been suspended in accordance with the same powers that the Constitution of the Republic grants to the Legislative Assembly of El Salvador, pursuant to the provisions provided in article 131, paragraph 27; and in article 29.

By virtue of the foregoing, and taking into account compliance with article 4, paragraph 3 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, El Salvador would like to reiterate that, owing to the exceptional circumstances that are endangering the lives of the population, it has decided to make use of its right of derogation with respect to the guarantees included in articles 14, 17 and 22 of the aforementioned Covenant, where the duration of the derogation will be for a period of 30 days; and, in this regard, the valuable support of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat in taking note of the present notification and processing what is required under the aforementioned Covenant will be greatly appreciated.

The Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 27 March 2022

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8 April 2022

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