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NOTE VERBALE

The Secretariat General of the Council of Europe (Treaty Office) presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to enclose a copy of a Note verbale from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia to the Council of Europe, dated 6 April 2020, transmitted to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on 6 April 2020, concerning Article 15 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ETS No. 5).

This information is transmitted in pursuance of Resolution (56) 16 of the Committee of Ministers.

The Secretariat General of the Council of Europe (Treaty Office) avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Note to all member States.
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Annex to the Note verbale JJ9025C
dated 7 April 2020
ETS No. 5 – Article 15

No. 65/10

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and has the honour to inform that, in line with Article 15 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (European Convention on Human Rights), the Republic of Serbia has declared a state of emergency on 15 March 2020, pursuant to Article 200 of the Constitution of the Republic of Serbia, in order to take measures necessary to prevent the occurrence and spread of, and to suppress the COVID-19 contagious disease caused by SARS-CoV-2 virus.

The measures implemented by the Republic of Serbia have derogated from certain obligations provided for in the European Convention on Human Rights to the extent strictly required by the exigencies of the epidemiological situation and medical necessity. Measures undertaken have been constantly under review taking into account the epidemiological situation, recommendations of the World Health Organization and experiences in fighting this contagious disease.

In adopting particular measures and issuing recommendations, responsible institutions of the Republic of Serbia adhere to their commitments arising from Article 15 (1) and (2) of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (European Convention on Human Rights).

All decisions made by the Government and other institutions of the Republic of Serbia are immediately published in the Official Gazette, on the website of the Government of the Republic of Serbia, while issuing statements by means making them available to all. All legal acts imposing measures and issuing recommendations aimed at preventing the occurrence and spread of, and suppressing the COVID-19 disease are available on the website of the Government of the Republic of Serbia (<https://www.srbija.gov.rs>) and, inter alia, the website of the Legal Information System (<http://www.pravno-informacioni-sistem.rs/fp/covid19>).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe the assurances of its high consideration.

Belgrade, 6 April 2020
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Strasbourg

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