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The Permanent Mission of Jamaica to the Organization of American States presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the Organization of American States and has the honour to refer to Article 27 of the American Convention on Human Rights (the Convention).

The Permanent Mission has the honour to inform in accordance with Article 27 (3) of the Convention, that on 18th January 2018, the Governor-General of Jamaica issued a Proclamation declaring a State of Public Emergency, in the Parish of St. James.

The State of Public Emergency has been imposed in the said parish, in order to restore public order and safety. It will remain in effect for a period of 14 days, unless extended by the Parliament of Jamaica or terminated at an earlier time. The Proclamation issued by the Governor-General is in strict compliance with the provisions of the Convention and with the Constitution of Jamaica. During the period of the State of Public Emergency, the Government may derogate from the provisions of Articles 7, 11, 13, 15, 21 and 22 of the Convention.

The Government of Jamaica hereby requests that the Secretary-General, in his capacity as depository of the American Convention on Human Rights, informs the other Parties to the Convention, of the provisions from which the Government of Jamaica may derogate and the reason/s for possible derogation.

The Permanent Mission of Jamaica avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary General of the Organization of American States, the assurances of its highest consideration.



Secretary General
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