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Annex to the Note verbale JJ9014C dated 18 March 2020 ETS No. 5 – Article 15

PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF ROMANIA to the Council of Europe

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Note Verbale

The Permanent Representation of Romania presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and has the honor to inform of the following:

On 16 March 2020 the President of Romania decreed state of emergency on the territory of Romania in order to ensure the containment of the spread of SARS-CoV- 2 virus on the territory of Romania.

The Decree no. 195 by which the state of emergency was declared in accordance with the Romanian Constitution and the relevant law on the regime of the state of siege and of the state of emergency was published in the Official Gazette no. 212 of 16 March 2020 and is hereby attached. The Decree includes the emergency measures of immediate and gradual application deemed necessary in order to limit the spread of the virus and ensure public health at national level.

Some of the measures taken in this context involve derogations from the obligations under the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (Rome, 4 November 1950), to which Romania is a party.

Therefore, the Permanent Representation kindly asks that this Note Verbale be considered as notification for the purposes of Article 15 paragraph 3 of the Convention.

The initial duration of the state of emergency is of 30 days. The Romanian authorities will subsequently inform of any changes that might occur in relation to the situation.

The Permanent Representation uses this opportunity to reiterate to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe the assurances of its highest consideration.

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To Mrs. Marija Pejcinovic Buric Secretary General of the Council of Europe

(*) Derogation registered at the Secretariat General on (*) 17 March 2020 - Or. Engl.