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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS
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LATVIA: 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 16 March 2020.

(Original: English)

“No. UN-N-6633

The Permanent Mission of Latvia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and pursuant to Article 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights informs that Latvia exercises the right of derogation from its obligations under [the] International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in the entire territory of Latvia.

The Permanent Mission of Latvia to the United Nations informs that following the announcement of the World Health Organization of 11 March 2020 that COVID-19 has been confirmed as pandemic, and taking into account the significant danger the spread of COVID-19 has posed to public health, on 12 March 2020, the Government of the Republic of Latvia declared emergency situation in the entire territory of [the] Republic of Latvia. The aim of the declaration is to ensure epidemiological safety and restrict the spread of COVID-19. The emergency situation commenced on 13 March 2020, and will remain in force until 14 April 2020. Among the measures adopted by the Government of Latvia, in-class learning at schools has been suspended, access of third persons to hospitals, social care institutions and places of detention has been restricted, all public events, meetings and gatherings have been cancelled and prohibited, as well as movement of persons has been restricted. The application of these measures gives reasons for the necessity to derogate from certain obligations of Latvia under Articles 12, 17, and 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The Permanent Mission of Latvia to the United Nations attaches to this note the unofficial translation of the order No.103 of the Cabinet of Ministers of 12 March 2020 ‘On the Declaration of Emergency Situation’, as amended on 13 March 2020 and 14 March 2020.

Pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 3, of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Permanent Mission of Latvia to the United Nations will inform H.E. Mr. António Guterres, the Secretary-General of the United Nation[s] about future developments with regard to the emergency situation, and will notify the Secretary-General when these emergency measures have ceased to operate and the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights are fully implemented again.

¹ The text (translation in English) of order No.103 of the Cabinet of Ministers of 12 March 2020 attached to the notification is on file with the Secretary-General and is available for consultation.

The Permanent Mission of Latvia to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest considerations.

New York, 16 March 2020”

19 March 2020

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