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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS
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LATVIA: NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 4 (3)

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 13 May 2020.

(Original: English)

“No. UN-N-8941

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 the Government of the Republic of Latvia has prolonged the emergency situation in the entire territory of the Republic of Latvia until 9 June 2020. At the same time, following a careful assessment of the measures chosen to restrict public gatherings and events that were put in place to prevent further spread of the Covid-19 virus, the Government has decided to ease the imposed restrictions. Consequently, the Government withdraws its derogation from Article 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The Permanent Mission of Latvia to the United Nations recalls that on 16 March 2020 it informed the Secretary General of the United Nations that following the announcement of the World Health Organization, on 12 March 2020 the Government of the Republic of Latvia declared an emergency situation in the entire territory of the Republic of Latvia until 14 April 2020, which necessitated a derogation from certain obligations under Articles 12, 17 and 21 of the Covenant. In light of the continuous threat the COVID-19 poses to public health, on 7 May 2020, the Government of the Republic of Latvia prolonged the emergency situation in the entire territory of the Republic of Latvia until 9 June 2020. However, in addition, the Government has declared that as from 12 May gatherings and events up to 25 participants shall be allowed subject to the organizers' ability to ensure that all participants observe a 2-meter distance and observe the obligations that have been set for epidemiological safety. These obligations, *inter alia*, include that the organizer must provide disinfectants and that gatherings indoors must be limited to 3 hours. The Government has thereby eased the restrictions imposed by the order No. 103 of the Cabinet of Ministers of 12 March 2020 “On the Declaration of Emergency Situation” with respect to freedom of assembly and informs the Secretary General of the United Nations that it withdraws its derogation from Article 21 of the Covenant. The rest of the measures, as transmitted to the Secretary General on 16 March 2020, continue to apply to the same extent.

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 the Secretary General of the United Nations about future developments with regard to the emergency situation and notify him when these emergency measures have ceased to operate and the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights are fully implemented again.

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, 13 May 2020”

21 May 2020

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