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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 21 October 2021.

(Original: English)

“No. UN-N-23851

The Permanent Mission of the Republic 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 exercises its right to derogate from certain of its obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Covenant) in the entire territory of Latvia.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations informs that in the light of the increased peril to the public health that the new strain of the COVID-19 virus has brought, following the Order of the Cabinet of Ministers of 9 October 2021 no. 720 “On the Declaration of Emergency Situation” as of 11 October 2021 an emergency situation has been declared in the entire territory of the Republic of Latvia. This emergency situation is extended until 11 January 2022.

In the light of this continuous threat that the COVID-19 pandemic poses and after a diligent and careful analysis of the necessary steps to combat the rapid spread of the new strain of the virus, to prevent an overload of the healthcare system, and to reduce avoidable mortality, whilst ensuring that essential State functions and services can continue to operate, the Government of the Republic of Latvia has adopted measures restricting certain rights and freedoms provided by the Covenant. In particular, the Government of the Republic of Latvia has decided to prohibit as of 21 October 2021 all public events and gatherings, consequently necessitating a derogation from Article 21 of the Covenant. The restrictions on the exercise of this right are prescribed in the Cabinet of Ministers’ Order no. 720 of 9 October 2021 “On the Declaration of Emergency Situation”.

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 the Republic 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, 21 October 2021”

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29 October 2021

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