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INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS  
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LATVIA: NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 4 (3)<sup>1</sup>

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

The above action was effected on 15 November 2021.

(Original: English)

“No. UN-N-25859

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, has the honour to inform of the following. After a careful assessment of the measures adopted on 20 October 2021 to restrict all public events and gatherings that were put in place to prevent further spread of the Covid-19 virus and their further necessity, the Government of the Republic of Latvia has decided to ease them. Consequently, pursuant to Article 4, Paragraph 3, of the Covenant, the Government withdraws its derogation from Article 21 of the Covenant.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations recalls that on 21 October 2021, it informed the Secretary-General of the United Nations that on 9 October 2021, the Government of the Republic of Latvia declared an emergency situation in the entire territory of the Republic of Latvia. Whereas, as of 21 October 2021, in order 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 adopted measures restricting all public events and gatherings, which, in turn, necessitated a derogation from Article 21 of the Covenant. Considering that the Government has decided to ease the restrictions imposed by the order no. 720 of the Cabinet of Ministers of 9 October 2021 ‘On the Declaration of Emergency Situation’ with respect to freedom of assembly, the Government informs the Secretary-General of the United Nations that it withdraws its derogation from Article 21 of the Covenant.

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 consideration.

15 November 2021”

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22 November 2021



<sup>1</sup> Refer to depositary notification C.N.355.2021.TREATIES-IV.4 of 29 October 2021 (Notification under article 4 (3): Latvia).