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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 9 June 2020.

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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, on 10 June 2020, the emergency situation, which necessitated a derogation from certain obligations under Articles 12, 17 and 21, ceased to exist. Consequently, pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Covenant, the Government withdraws its remaining derogations from Articles 12 and 17 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 was subsequently extended. In light of the decision of the Government to ease the imposed restrictions with respect to freedom of assembly, on 13 May 2020, the Permanent Mission of Latvia to the United Nations informed the Secretary General of the withdrawal of its derogation from Article 21 of the Covenant while maintaining the rest of the restrictions in place until 9 June 2020. Considering that the Government has decided not to extend the emergency situation in Latvia, the measures chosen to prevent further spread of the Covid-19 and the continuous threat it poses to public health, which necessitated a derogation under Articles 12, 17 and 21 of the Covenant, ceased to operate on 10 June 2020.

Accordingly, the Government terminates its derogations under the remaining Articles of the Covenant, and the provisions of the Covenant are being fully executed 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. 9 June 2020”

18 June 2020

