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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 30 December 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 the Government of the Republic of Latvia on 6 November 2020 declared the emergency situation in the entire territory of the Republic of Latvia commencing on 9 November 2020, and that the emergency situation is currently extended until 7 February 2021. In the light of the continuous threat the COVID-19 pandemic poses to public health in Latvia and after a diligent and careful analysis of the necessary steps to combat the spread of the virus in the most efficient manner and to decrease the number of persons falling ill due to the spread of the virus, as of 30 December 2020, the Government of the Republic of Latvia decided to prohibit all public events and gatherings. The measure chosen by the Government of the Republic of Latvia restricts the exercise of the right of peaceful assembly, consequently necessitating a derogation from Article 21 of the Covenant. The restrictions on the exercise of the right of peaceful assembly are listed in the order No. 655 of the Cabinet of Ministers of 6 November 2020 “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 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, 30 December 2020”

8 January 2021

