



Strasbourg, 18 November 2021

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## NOTE VERBALE

The Secretariat General of the Council of Europe (Treaty Office) presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour to enclose a copy of Note verbale No. EP-25851 from the Permanent Representation of Latvia to the Council of Europe, dated 15 November 2021 and transmitted to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on 15 November 2021, concerning Article 15 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ETS No. 5).

This information is transmitted in pursuance of Resolution (56) 16 of the Committee of Ministers.

The Secretariat General of the Council of Europe (Treaty Office) avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry the assurances of its highest consideration.



Note to all member States.  
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Annex to the Note verbale JJ9291C  
dated 18 November 2021  
ETS No. 5 – Article 15

**Permanent Representation  
of the Republic of Latvia  
to the Council of Europe**

Nr. EP-25851

**NOTE VERBALE**

The Permanent Representation of Latvia to the Council of Europe presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, informs 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 has decided to ease them. Consequently, pursuant to Article 15, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the Government withdraws its derogation from Article 11 of the Convention.

The Permanent Representation of Latvia to the Council of Europe recalls that on 21 October 2021, it informed the Secretary General of the Council of Europe that on 9 October 2021, the Government of the Republic of Latvia declared the 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 11 of the Convention. 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 Council of Europe that it withdraws its derogation from Article 11 of the Convention.

The Permanent Representation of Latvia to the Council of Europe avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe the assurances of its highest considerations.

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Strasbourg, 15 November 2021

To the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

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(\*) ***Withdrawal of Derogation registered at the Secretariat General on 15 November 2021 –  
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