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Human rights during pandemic

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Human rights principles must be always present and understandable

If civil and politic rights are being restricted, it can become a serious threat to democracy

Information has not been precise, clear and timely from the government

Lack of important crisis management information available for people with visual and hearing impairments

Restricted accessibility of public libraries limits availability of state and local government's services

Often librarians served as social workers and councillors

It is crucial that emotional and psychological support is available to all groups of the society

- working people
- children and young people
- the elderly and people with disabilities

Freedom of speech provides wide spectrum of reception and distribution of information.

Spread of disinformation can harm democratic values, discredit the state and professional journalism.

In certain cases, freedom of speech leads to hate speech and might lead to hate crimes

The state must ensure strong, independent and sufficiently funded public broadcasting
- to provide the society with significant
information

Unemployment and limited support from the State, drive many people and many families into poverty and misery

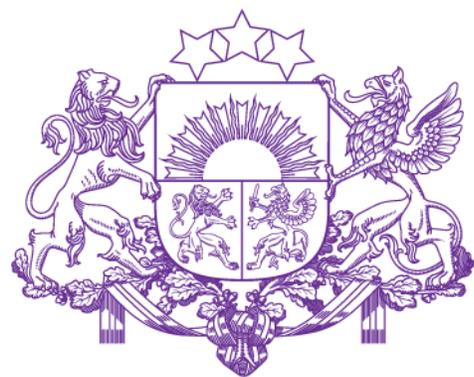
State and local authorities must find solutions to provide students with learning possibilities:

- technical means such as computers and access to internet
- allow students or their parents to receive information about study process otherwise

There are still many people
struggling to enjoy all rights each
and every of us deserve

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Thank you for your attention!