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## **Chapter VIII Fundamental Human Rights**

### **Article 89 [Recognition and Protection by the State]**

The State shall recognise and protect fundamental human rights in accordance with this Constitution, laws and international agreements binding upon Latvia.

### **Article 90 [Right to Know About Rights]**

Everyone has the right to know about his rights.

### **Article 91 [Equality, Prohibition of Discrimination]**

All human beings in Latvia shall be equal before the law and the courts. Human rights shall be realised without discrimination of any kind.

### **Article 92 [Right to Fair Legal Proceedings]**

Everyone has the right to defend their rights and lawful interests in a fair court. Everyone shall be presumed innocent until their guilt has been established in accordance with law. Everyone, where their rights are violated without basis, has a right to commensurate compensation. Everyone has a right to the assistance of counsel.

### **Article 93 [Right to Life]**

The right to life of everyone shall be protected by law.

### **Article 94 [Liberty, Personal Security]**

Everyone has the right to liberty and security of person. No one may be deprived of or have their liberty restricted, otherwise than in accordance with law.

### **Article 95 [Human Dignity]**

The State shall protect human honour and dignity. Torture or other cruel or degrading treatment of human beings is prohibited. No one shall be subjected to inhuman or degrading punishment.

### **Article 96 [Privacy, Home, Correspondence]**

Everyone has the right to inviolability of their private life, home and correspondence.

### **Article 97 [Right to Move, Freedom of Residence]**

Everyone residing lawfully in the territory of Latvia has the right to freely move and to choose their place of residence.

### **Article 98 [Departure, Extradition]**

Everyone has the right to freely depart from Latvia. Everyone having a Latvian passport shall be protected by the State when abroad and has the right to freely return to Latvia. A citizen of Latvia may not be extradited to a foreign country.

### **Article 99 [Thought, Conscience, Religion]**

Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. The church shall be separate from the State.

### **Article 100 [Expression, Information, Censorship]**

Everyone has the right to freedom of expression which includes the right to freely receive, keep and distribute information and to express their views. Censorship is prohibited.

**Article 101 [Political Activity]**

Every citizen of Latvia has the right, as provided for by law, to participate in the activities of the State and of local government, and to hold a position in the civil service. Local governments shall be elected by Latvian citizens who enjoy full rights of citizenship. The working language of local governments is the Latvian language.

**Article 102 [Associations, Parties]**

Everyone has the right to form and join associations, political parties and other public organisations.

**Article 103 [Meetings, Processions, Demonstrations]**

The State shall protect the freedom of previously announced peaceful meetings, street processions, and pickets.

**Article 104 [Petitions]**

Everyone has the right to address submissions to State or local government institutions and to receive a materially responsive reply. Everyone has the right to receive a reply in the Latvian language.

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**Article 112 [Education]**

Everyone has the right to education. The State shall ensure that everyone may acquire primary and secondary education without charge. Primary education shall be compulsory.

**Article 113 [Research, Art, Copyright, Patents]**

The State shall recognise the freedom of scientific research, artistic and other creative activity, and shall protect copyright and patent rights.

**Article 114 [Minorities]**

Persons belonging to ethnic minorities have the right to preserve and develop their language and their ethnic and cultural identity.

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