

## **CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA**

(consolidated text)

The consolidated text of the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia encompasses the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia (as published in the official journal of the Republic of Croatia, Narodne novine, no. 56/90, 135/97, 8/98 – consolidated text, 113/2000, 124/2000 – consolidated text, 28/2001, 41/2001 – consolidated text, 55/2001 – correction) and the Amendments to the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia published in Narodne novine, no. 76/2010, in which the date of their entry into force is indicated.

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Zagreb, 6 July 2010

Chairman

of the Committee on the Constitution, Standing Orders and Political System

of the Croatian Parliament

Vladimir Šeks (signed)

(...)

### **Article 14**

All persons in the Republic of Croatia shall enjoy rights and freedoms, regardless of race, colour, gender, language, religion, political or other conviction, national or social origin, property, birth, education, social status or other characteristics.

All persons shall be equal before the law.

(...)

### **Article 17**

Individual constitutionally-guaranteed freedoms and rights may be curtailed during a state of war or any clear and present danger to the independence and unity of the Republic of Croatia or in the event of any natural disaster. Such curtailment shall be decided upon by the Croatian Parliament by a two-thirds majority of all representatives or, if the Croatian Parliament is unable to convene, by the President of the Republic. The extent of such restrictions must be adequate to the nature of the threat, and may not result in the inequality of citizens with respect to race, colour, gender, language, religion, national or social origin.

Even in cases of clear and present danger to the existence of the state, no restrictions may be imposed upon the provisions of this Constitution stipulating the right to life, prohibition of torture, cruel or unusual treatment or punishment, and concerning the legal definitions of criminal offences and punishment, and the freedom of thought, conscience and religion.

(...)

### **Article 40**

Freedom of conscience and religion and the freedom to demonstrate religious or other convictions shall be guaranteed.