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QUESTION OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND  
OF THE PRESS IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its  
325th plenary meeting on 14 December 1950

(adopted on the report of the Third Committee (A/1630))

The General Assembly,

Considering that freedom of information and of the Press is one of the  
fundamental freedoms and should be advanced and safeguarded,

Considering that limitations might be placed on this freedom in emergencies  
or on the pretext of emergencies,

Recommends to all Member States that, when they are compelled to declare  
a state of emergency, measures to limit freedom of information and of the Press  
shall be taken only in the most exceptional circumstances and then only to the  
extent strictly required by the situation.

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