

## COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

## DRAFTING COMMITTEE

## SECOND SESSION

ADDITIONAL POSSIBLE LIMITATIONS TO ARTICLE 17 OF THE DRAFT COVENANT ON  
HUMAN RIGHTS

The following is a list of additional possible limitations to Article 17 of the Draft Covenant on Human Rights arising out of discussions at the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information:

1. The disclosures of professional secrets contrary to law.
2. Disclosures arising out of marital and personal relationships.
3. Expressions which are fraudulent or part of a fraudulent scheme.
4. Expressions detrimental to public decency or morals (for example, detailed crime stories, reports on executions and suicides, sensational court reports).
5. Matters of contract.
6. Control of advertising or economic matters.
7. Proper conduct of political elections or campaigns.
8. Matters affecting the civil service.
9. Disclosure of governmental information (other than in cases involving national safety, for example, in economic and social matters, such as crop reports, income tax reports, recipients of unemployment relief, and pending judicial decisions).
10. Communications with foreign governments.
11. Profanity in public places.
12. Operation of radio broadcasting and similar media without a license.
13. Statements by corporations, partnerships or individuals, in the issue of bonds and shares of stock.
14. Unforeseeable future matters relating to development of new media of information or new social practices.

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