Non-derogable rights under the ICCPR

ICCPR Article 4 §2 sets out that no derogation can be made from the following articles:

- Article 6 – right to life
- Article 7 – prohibition of torture
- Article 8 §1 and §2 – prohibition of slavery
- Article 11 – prohibition of imprisonment for failure to fulfil contractual obligation
- Article 15 – non-retroactivity of criminal laws
- Article 16 – right to recognition as a person before the law
- Article 18 – freedom of thought, conscience and religion (except §3 – freedom to manifest one’s religion)

Other elements of the ICCPR that cannot be derogated from:

- Article 2 §3 – right of victims to obtain an effective remedy
- Article 10 §1 – treatment of all persons deprived of liberty with humanity and dignity
- Prohibition of taking hostages, abductions or unacknowledged detention
- Prohibition of forced displacement
- Article 20 – prohibition of propaganda for war and advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred
- Fundamental guarantee against arbitrary detention, right to habeas corpus
- Guarantees of fair trial