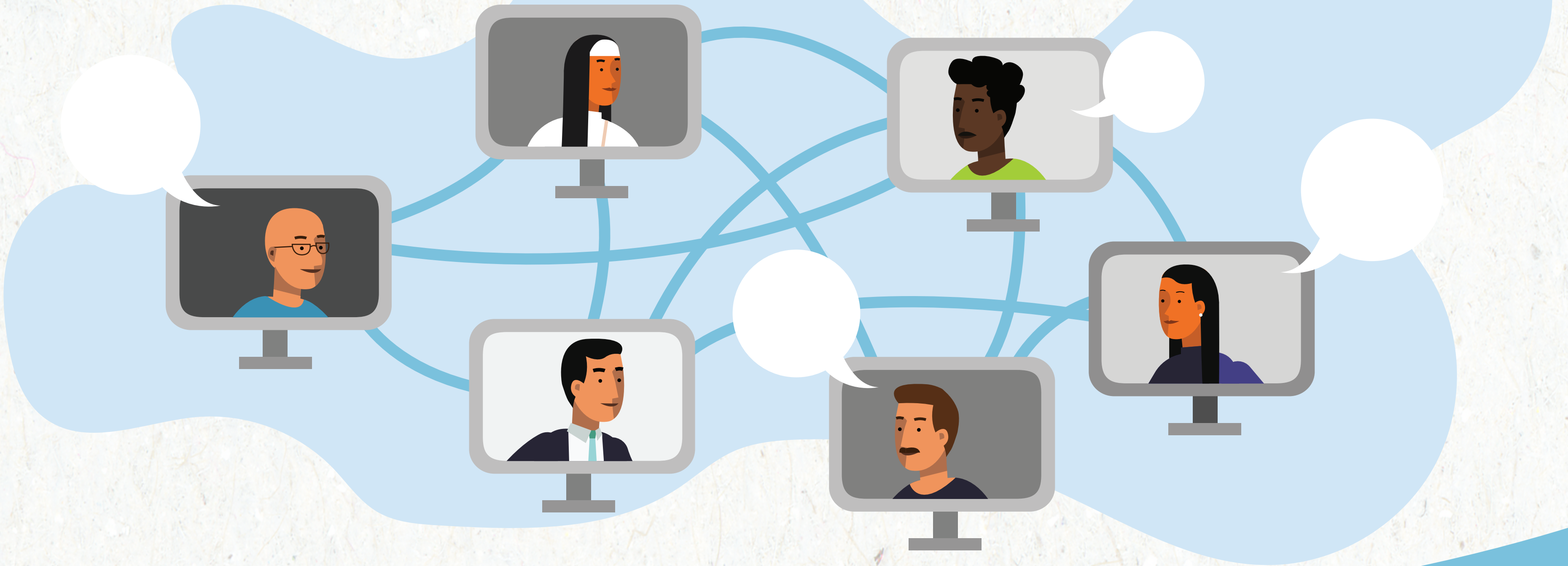


# ICCPR Article 19

## Freedom of expression, including the right of access to information



Article 19 allows restrictions on the freedom of expression including the freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas, if they are provided by law and are necessary for:

■ Respect of the rights or reputations of others

■ The protection of:

- A.** National security
- B.** Public order (ordre public)
- C.** Public health
- D.** Public morals



Attention! Restriction on the grounds other than the ones listed above are not permitted. No restriction is allowed on the freedom of opinion.

### Restrictions must:

- NOT be provided by customary law including traditional and religious ones
- Be formulated with sufficient precision and clear criteria
- NOT violate non-discrimination provisions of the ICCPR
- Be proportional to achieve its protective function; and
- Be the least intrusive measure



Also refer:

[Checklist for monitoring illegitimate restrictions of ICCPR \(card No.2\)](#)