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National Board of Belarusian Students' Association
National Board of Independent Students' Association

Warsaw, the 17th of December, 2020

His Excellency Mr. António Guterres
United Nations Secretary-General

Honorable Ms. Michelle Bachelet
United Nations High Commissioner
for Human Rights

Your Excellency, dear High Commissioner Bachelet,

On Thursday, the 12th of November, 2020, the police entered the apartments of the two board members of the Belarusian Students' Association – Alana Hiebremaryjam and Kseniya Syramalot, then without explanation they were taken to the Committee for State Security (KGB) headquarters, while the charges were only presented on the 21st of November. Yet, as for today, Alana Hiebremaryjam and Kseniya Syramalot remain in custody until today.

As it seems, they face up to three years in prison for organizing student protests. Overall, almost 400 students have been arrested; 150 people have arbitrarily been expelled from the university due to opposition activity (as of the 8th of December, 2020). The authorities do not recognize the subjectivity of BSA, refusing to register it as a non-governmental organization and forcing the board members to leave the country. Moreover, the university autonomy resulting from being the part of the European Higher Education Area is being violated by the police assigned to suppress strikes. All of it proves that peaceful student activity aimed at promoting democratic values is considered illegal.

On behalf of the student community, we exhort the international community to act decisively towards Belarusian decision-makers. It is necessary to use political tools, which will be an effective force of pressure in a peaceful way. We believe that lack of reaction is a threat not only to the health and life of Belarusian citizens, but also to the pillars of our civilization. Allowing basic human rights to be disregarded just outside the European Union is a fundamental failure of world political leaders.

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