Magnificence, dear Professor Shimov,

Please allow me to approach you in the following matter:

From ESIB, the Europen student organisation with whom we cooperate very well both at the European and national level, we have been informed that, following the election of Ms. Taciana Khoma as member of ESIB's executive committee for 2006, she has experienced difficulties with her status as a student of Belarus State Economic University.

We see the emerging European Higher Education and Research Area as a very important and valuable objective. Only next week we (the assocation of universities and other higher education institutions in Germany) are organising a German-Russian conference here in Bonn on how to improve the cooperation between German and Russian universities in the implementation of the Bologna Process. In the same spirit we would greatly welcome a stronger participation of your university and the other Belarus higher education institutions in this process.

In this context we greet the election of one of your students into ESIB's executive committee as a very positive sign. Cooperation, mobility, mutual understanding among all players in the higher education field are of paramount importance for a successful future of our continent. ESIB has been quite instrumental in promoting this process over the past years and we think that having a Belarus student in this important European organisation is a step in the right direction.

We would therefore be very grateful to you for making sure that not only does Ms. Khoma not suffer any disadvantages as a result of her decision but that your university gives her the support she needs to represent Belarus students at the European level.

Sincerely yours

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