

Utrecht, The Netherlands,
24 November, 2005

Dear Sir, Madam,

The Dutch National Union of Students (LSVb) represents the interests of all students in The Netherlands. My union is constructed out of 13 local unions in all major student cities in the country. LSVb is a member of ESIB, The National Union of Students since 1996. Recently, we have seen the fact that Taciana Khoma, an excellent student studying at your university has been elected into ESIB's executive committee on the 12th of November, this year.

Today, I have taken notice of the possible expulsion of Taciana from your university. I strongly condemn this action against students who are doing extra-curricular work for any reason. Therefore I, on behalf of Dutch students, urge you to solve this matter in a positive way. Taciana should not receive further punishment or any kind of harassment and should be able to freely continue her studies.

I urge you to keep in mind that expulsion is a direct violation of human rights nr 19 and 20 of the United Nations Charter on Human Rights. I will use my contacts with our minister of foreign affairs and rectors of our universities to proceed against violation of these human rights and give students the freedom to unite.

Jonathan Mijs,

President, Landelijke Studenten Vakbond (Dutch National Union of Students).