

To Whom It May Concern

November 29, 2005

Dear Sir, Madam,

The Authority of Belarus State Economic University has received many addresses regarding the expulsion from BSEU of the 4-th year student Taciana Khoma recently. In this respect I am taking the opportunity to inform you that the student T. Khoma went to France without the permission and staid there on November 11-14, 2005 during the academic term, the period of the tense political situation and the announcement of extraordinary situation in French towns. That could have lead to the unexpected tragic consequences. Miss T. Khoma performed a rude violation of the inner regulations of the University and demonstrated her straight unrespect for BSEU as an organization which is legally and morally responsible for the students' security during their educational process. We consider that Miss Khoma's expulsion from the University was made in accordance with the norms of the Republic of Belarus legislation in the field of education.

I understand your apprehension for the fortune of our former student, but I was surprised by the fact that none of the International organization had applied me beforehand with the request to send Miss Khoma on the official trip to France. I would also like to note that on making the decision for the expulsion of Miss Khoma the political reasons were not taken into account.

Sincerely yours,

Professor V.N. Shimoy
Rector of BSEU

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'V.N. Shimoy', written over a faint grid background.