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Activist Faces Jail For Female Body Drawings

Dear Prosecutor,

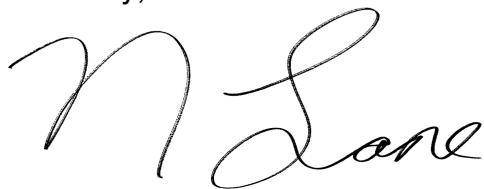
On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we call on you to take all necessary steps to end **Yulia Tsvetkova's** prosecution under both criminal and administrative charges and to do everything in your power to end all forms of harassment which are reprisals for her human rights activism.

We are deeply concerned by reports from Amnesty International about **Yulia's** arbitrary detention and arrest based on body-positive artwork of female reproductive organs, which she posted on social media as part of her women's empowerment campaign. **Yulia** has been the target of an overtly homophobic campaign since March 2019 when she had to leave her work after the police launched an investigation into alleged "propaganda of non-traditional sexual relations" on account of her anti-bullying and anti-discrimination play "Blue and Pink." As a result of this harassment, her theatrical group was forced to cease its activities.

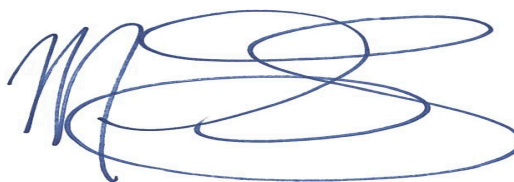
We believe that you have an obligation to investigate **Yulia's** case under the Russian Constitution and International Law to ensure her right to freedom of expression through her art is protected.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director
TRU Students' Union



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cc. Ambassador Alexander Darchiev