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Mrs Ana Gomes, MEP  
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Brussels

*Dear Ana,*

Thank you for your letter of 13 December 2018 regarding the case of Anna Krasulina, the spokesperson of the United Civic Party.


We follow this particular case very closely both in Brussels and in Minsk. The EEAS and the Head of EU Delegation in Minsk have raised it during the EU-Belarus Coordination Group held in Brussels on 12-13 December and with the Belarusian Deputy Foreign Minister, respectively.

On 19 December, the appeal made by Anna Krasulina to the Court of Maskouski District of Minsk was upheld, cancelling the decision of the Maskouski District Department of Internal Affairs to expel her from Belarus. We will continue to monitor the developments.

In more general terms, we continue to raise with the Belarusian authorities our concerns regarding their respect of fundamental freedoms and the right to a fair trial. During our regular meetings at different levels we also mention individual cases of Belarusian citizens and we encourage the Belarusian authorities to take forward the reform of the judiciary with a view to guaranteeing the right to a fair trial.

I should underline that the further development of relations between the EU and Belarus will depend on the Belarusian authorities taking tangible steps to respect human rights, universal fundamental freedoms, and strengthen the rule of law in the country.

Yours sincerely,

  
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