



**BELARUS
FREEDOM OF
ASSEMBLY,
ASSOCIATION AND
EXPRESSION**

ABOLISH ARTICLE 193-1 NOW!

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**АДМЯНІЦЬ АРТЫКУЛ 193-1 ЗАРАЗ!
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ОТМЕНИТЬ СТАТЬЮ 193-1 СЕЙЧАС!**

People in Belarus risk being fined or imprisoned for up to two years simply for participating in the activities of an unregistered non-governmental organization, under Article 193-1 of the Criminal Code. The authorities frequently refuse to register organizations, so this means that political and human rights activists are increasingly susceptible to prosecution.

Article 193-1 is used by the authorities to punish activists for peacefully exercising their rights to freedom of assembly, association and expression.

Since Amnesty International started campaigning for the release of individuals imprisoned under Article 193-1, five people have been released. The Belarusian government appears to be responding to the pressure – so let's keep it up!

ARTICLE 193-1 MUST BE ABOLISHED.


It violates the Belarusian Constitution and is in breach of the country's obligations under international human rights law.

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WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Sign the attached postcards and send them to the Belarusian President and Minister of Internal Affairs calling on them to abolish Article 193-1 now! The wording of both postcards is identical.
- Find out more and join the campaign to abolish Article 193-1; go to the Amnesty International website: www.amnesty.org/en/appeals-for-action

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Шаноўны Прэзідэнт Лукашэнка,

Артыкул 193-1 беларускага Крымінальнага кодэкса відавочна парушае Канстытуцыю Беларусі, а таксама абавязацельствы краіны па міжнародных дамовах па правах чалавека.

Таму я заклікаю кіраўніцтва Беларусі;

1. неадкладна **адмяніць** артыкул 193-1 дзеля павагі і абароны свабоды сходаў, асацыяцый і выражэння ў Беларусі;
2. **спыніць** перашкоды, запалохванне і пераслед грамадскіх актывістаў, якія мірна рэалізуюць свае правы чалавека.

Name:

Country:

Signature:



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Dear Minister,

Article 193-1 of the Belarusian Criminal Code is a clear violation of the Belarusian Constitution. It also breaches your country's obligations under international human rights law.

I therefore urge your government to;

1. **abolish** Article 193-1 immediately and respect and protect the rights to freedom of assembly, association and expression in Belarus;
2. **stop** obstructing, intimidating and harassing civil society activists who are peacefully exercising their human rights.

Name:

Country:

Signature:



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