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## **Latvian Parliamentarians Call for Fair and Transparent Judgement Process for Tibetan Language Advocate Tashi Wangchuk**

On January 25th, Members of the Latvian Parliaments, including members of the Latvian Parliamentary Support Group for Tibet, adopted a statement on the case of Tibetan language advocate Tashi Wangchuk.

The signatories, twenty members of the Saeima (the Latvian Parliament) - out of a total of 100 parliamentarians - call for a "fair and transparent trial of Tashi Wangchuk" and "urges the People's Republic of China to implement a judgement process that is constant with international legal standards, with the presence of observers at his trial".

The statement follows a number of resolutions and statements calling for a fair trial for Tashi Wangchuk and/or his release - including a [resolution](#) of the European Parliament and statements by [French](#) and [German](#) parliamentarians, adding to the growing international pressure in the case of the young human rights defender, who has been detained by the Chinese authorities since January 2016 and is still waiting for the verdict of his [trial held on 4 January](#).

*The 19 signatories of the statement are: Mārtiņš Šics, Inese Laizāne, Kārlis Krēsliņš, Jānis Ruks, Inguna Rībena, Edvīns Šnore, Artuss Kaimiņš, Veiko Spolītis, Hosams Abu Meri, Rihards Melgailis, Andris Buiķis, Juris Viļums, Janīna Kursīte-Pakule, Imants Parādnieks, Aleksandrs Kiršteins, Jānis Dombrava, Ivars Brīvers, Lolita Čigāne, Varis Krūmiņš and Nelija Kleinberga.*

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