On 4 January 2018, the journalist Olga Kurlaeva, who works for the Russian State Television and Radio Broadcasting Company VGTRK, was reportedly detained by Latvian law enforcement representatives and deported from the country. According to VGTRK, Olga Kurlaeva has been accused of representing a threat to Latvia's national security. Two days previously, on 2 January 2018, her husband Anatoliy Kurlaev, who works for the Russian TVC State-owned television channel, was also deported from Latvia.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Letter of the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to education/UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression/UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues

**STATE REPLIES**

- **07 Feb 2018 | Response of the Republic of Latvia**
  - Letter from the Permanent Representation of Latvia to the Council of Europe

**FOLLOW-UPS**

- **05 Jan 2018 | OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media expresses concern regarding expulsion of Russian journalist Olga Kurlaeva from Latvia**
  - Statement by Harlem Désir