



Berlin/Brussels, December 10th, 2018

Dear Secretary General António Guterres,

Dear President Lenin Moreno,

Dear Prime Minister Theresa May,

More than six years after the beginning of Julian Assange's arbitrary detention after having sought asylum in the Embassy and in view of the International Human Rights Day on December 10th, we are urging for the unceasing protection of the publisher and founder of Wikileaks, which has reported on war crimes and other serious abuses committed by governments.

- We are concerned about Mr Assange's state of health and call on the governments of Britain and Ecuador to find a speedy solution.
- We condemn the threat by the Ecuadorian government to deprive Assange of the asylum protection he received in the Embassy, while in the U.S., a sealed indictment has been issued against the Australian and Ecuadorian citizen.
- We underscore the importance of the advisory opinion given by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights which commits the Ecuadorian state to work for the well-being of those who have sought protection in diplomatic missions.
- We point out that the independent UN working group on arbitrary detention, the UNWGAD, has condemned the prosecution of Mr Assange as an arbitrary prosecution.

Should Mr Assange be put on the street by Ecuador without legal protection and clarification of his situation, an extradition to an unpredictable government in the

USA that seeks to prosecute him and potentially sentence him for life could probably no longer be prevented.

The constant and unwonted threat from Britain and the United States, the years of arbitrary detention, the ongoing separation from his family, friends and loved ones, the lack of proper medical care, the most recent isolation of Mr Assange since March of this year; these are indeed very serious and egregious violations of Human Rights, in the heart of Europe.

We therefore call for his immediate release, together with his safe passage to a safe country.

Thank you in advance for your reply.

Sincerely,

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