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To:

Honourable António Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations,
Honourable Lenin Moreno, President of Ecuador
Honourable Theresa May, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

Subject: Freedom for Julian Assange - against a possible extradition to the U.S.

LETTER

Brussels, 07 December 2018

The signatories of this letter, as Members of the European Parliament, would like to express our deep concern regarding Julian Assange's forced embassy asylum for 6 years now. On the occasion of the International Human Rights Day, we are urging for the sustainable protection of the whistleblower and co-founder of Wikileaks, that has leaked war crimes and other very serious abuses committed by several governments.

More particularly:

- 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 of the Ecuadorian government to deprive Assange of the protection he has been granted in the embassy, while in the USA a secret warrant for the arrest of the Australian citizen has been disclosed to the public.
- We underline the importance of a report 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 WGAD has condemned the prosecution of Mr Assange as arbitrary persecution.



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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 could probably no longer be prevented.

The constant and arbitrary threat from Britain and the United States, the years of imprisonment and the continuing separation from his family are outrageous violations of human rights in the heart of Europe.

We therefore call for his immediate release, a guarantee to protect Julian Assange from extradition, assurances of safe passage, followed by his departure to a safe country of his choice.

We look forward to hearing from you. Meanwhile, please accept our highest considerations,

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