



Freedom for Julian Assange!

As members of the German Bundestag and the European Parliament, we are very concerned about the most recent developments concerning WikiLeaks founder and Publisher Julian Assange, who has been in asylum at the Embassy of Ecuador in London for years. On the occasion of the visit of Ecuadorian President Lenin Moreno to the United Kingdom and recent statements of the Ecuadorian government on the case, we urge all sides, especially the British Government, to facilitate a swift solution. The de facto imprisonment in confined spaces at the Ecuadorian embassy in London is an outrageous violation of human rights in the middle of Europe. With this background:

- We consider important the Advisory Opinion issued by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, at the behest of the Ecuadorian Government, which obligates the Ecuadorian state to work for the well-being of persons who have sought protection in diplomatic missions;
- We hope that the Ecuadorian Government, on the basis of this assessment, will fulfill its humanitarian and legal obligation to give full protection to Julian Assange as a political persecuted person and not surrender him to the United Kingdom, the United States or Allied governments;
- We find alarming the assurances of US Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who has declared the arrest of Julian Assange as one of his "priorities";
- We are critical of the capping of Internet and restrictions on interactions with media connections imposed upon Julian Assange in



the confines of the Embassy of Ecuador in London as an aggravation of the already harsh conditions

The risk of extradition to an unpredictable administration in the U.S. is greater than ever. This is all the more serious as the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention has condemned the various forms of deprivation of liberty to which Julian Assange was subjected to without British or other governments of EU Member States having drawn any political consequences from it.

Prime Minister Theresa May and President Lenín Moreno, we appeal to you: ensure the release and effective protection of Julian Assange!

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