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Subject: Julian Assange

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Dear Amnesty International,

I am writing to you concerning your efforts for the release of WikiLeaks founder and journalist Julian Assange.

While Amnesty has condemned the prosecution Assange is facing by the US and has warned of the inhuman and torturous conditions he could face in a US American prison if extradited [1], it has failed to address the urgency of Assange's current situation: Not only is his health steadily deteriorating because of the **current torturous conditions of his incarceration** [2,3], but his continuing imprisonment and persecution **has already set a chilling precedent** for journalists worldwide.

Therefore it is imperative that Amnesty International declare Julian Assange a Prisoner of Conscience to increase the political and public pressure on the UK and US governments to set him free. As Amnesty has already recognised, Julian Assange is a non-violent political prisoner, charged and detained in an attack on freedom of expression and freedom of the press [1].

Amnesty's deliberate refusal to declare Assange a Prisoner of Conscience is undermining the perceived severity and therefore the success of the fight for his freedom.

That is why I urge you to immediately recognise Julian Assange as a Prisoner of Conscience and do everything in your power to secure his release and end this chilling attack on our freedom of press.

Sincerely,

[1] Amnesty International Petition:

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/petition/julian-assange-usa-justice/>

[2] Nils Melzer Communication UA GBR 3/2019 regarding Julian Assange:

<https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadPublicCommunicationFile?gld=24631>

[3] Nils Melzer's Communication UA GBR 6/2019 regarding Julian Assange:

<https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadPublicCommunicationFile?gld=24926>