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**AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTINE ANN ASSANGE**

*Affirmed at [REDACTED] this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2019*

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I, CHRISTINE ANN ASSANGE , Mother, of New South Wale Australia affirm;

1. I am the mother of Julian Paul Assange Founder and former Editor in Chief of WikiLeaks, who is currently detained in the United Kingdom (attached and marked "A" is a copy of my passport). My son has been brutally politically persecuted by the United States government and security apparatus as well as that of the United Kingdom, Sweden, Australia & their allies for my son's journalism exposing war crimes and corruption.

2. I have known and worked with journalist, Suzie Dawson for 18 months. Ms Dawson is an investigative journalist who has courageously published articles revealing the facts of the political persecution of my son. Her work has been publicly endorsed by my son and WikiLeaks on a number of occasions. I know her to be a courageous person of scrupulous integrity and honesty.

3. In 2018 Ms Dawson founded Unity4J, the global support campaign aggregating & amplifying information, articles, resources, interviews & actions globally to protect & free my son. The campaign operates across multiple platforms & has brought together nearly 100 prominent journalists, editors, lawyers, human rights experts, politicians & other credible experts from across the world to speak out in support of my son. It has become a powerful voice for his protection and freedom.

4. Anyone connected with the work of my son and WikiLeaks, at the level of Ms Dawson, is a person of interest to the security services and at high risk of significant punishment for the aid, support and knowledge that she has provided.

5. Numerous other associates of WikiLeaks, who I know and are in a similar position to Ms Dawson (connected to the work of my son and others) have been surveilled, imprisoned and pursued, attacked, subjected to arbitrary arrest and detentions, intimidation and harassment or have had to flee their home countries to live in exile. Increasingly those associated with WikiLeaks including journalists & others defending it & my son, have become targets of the US Wikileaks Grand Jury. I am very concerned that because of Ms Dawsons high profile in this area she is also at risk from this political persecution

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23 day of July 2019 ) [REDACTED]

Christine Ann Assange ) [REDACTED]