**Timeline for posting on OHCHR website**

"**UN Special Rapporteur on Privacy meeting Julian Assange**"

In response to several requests from the media for information, and in order to maximise transparency and minimise speculation, the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to Privacy (SRP), Professor Joe Cannataci confirms the following sequence of events:

1. Whilst in London at the invitation of the UK Government on completely separate business, on Friday 29th March at 15h39 CET the SRP received via e-mail notice and accompanying evidential documentation from the Special Procedures Branch of the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva regarding complaints of violation of privacy lodged by Mr Julian Assange's legal team on his behalf;

2. The SRP reviewed the documentation received immediately and at 16h03 CET (15h03 UK time) on Friday 29 March he responded to Special Procedures Branch OHCHR in Geneva confirming that he would carry out a preliminary assessment and asking them to relay a message to Mr Assange requesting him whether he would be available  to meet the SRP at 16h00 or 16h30 UK time that very same day (Friday);

3.  Since, by complete co-incidence, he happened to be in London and had a two hour slot available before his return flight to Malta, the SRP also attempted to call the Ecuadorian Embassy three times on their publicly listed number +44 20 7584 2648 between 16h15 and 17H15 UK time but nobody responded to his calls;

4. At 17h54 CET of Friday 29 March the SRP advised OHCHR Geneva of his failed attempts to contact Mr Assange directly and proceeded to the airport at London Heathrow. This was followed up within the hour by a phone conversation with a senior OHCHR official in Geneva who undertook to contact Mr. Assange's legal team about the matter of a meeting date;

5. On Sunday 31 March at 15h05 CEST the SRP received e-mail confirmation from Special Procedures Branch OHCHR Geneva that Mr Assange wished to meet him as well. In that e-mail he also received instructions as to the protocol-agreed way including the filling-in of specially-designed forms and also instructions to contact the Ecuadorian Embassy in London through their official e-mail address;

6. Following the instructions received earlier that Sunday afternoon, in the night between Sunday 31st March and Monday 1st April, at 01h45 CEST the SRP sent an e-mail to the Ecuadorian Ambassador in London with the official forms attached formally requesting permission and access for a meeting with Mr Assange on Wednesday 03 April at 14h00 UK time. No response to this communication was received from the Ecuadorian authorities throughout all of Monday 1st April.

7. On Tuesday 02 April at  11h22 CEST the SRP received via e-mail a formal letter from the Ambassador of Ecuador to the UK, H.E. Jaime Marchan Romero advising that the formal request to meet Mr. Assange had been referred to the authorities in the capital of Ecuador;

8. On Tuesday 02 April at 12H25 CEST the SRP received and immediately reviewed Note Verbale 4-7-32 of Ecuador dated 01 April 2019 accompanied by an official letter from H.E. Jose Valencia, the Minister of Foreign Relations and Human Mobility of Ecuador, relayed from the OHCHR Office in Geneva and containing an official complaint from the President of Ecuador that his privacy had been violated;

9. On Tuesday 02 April at 13H23 CEST the SRP sent a long e-mail to Special Procedures Branch OHCHR in Geneva with the draft outline for a reply to the Government of Ecuador in response to the official complaint just received from their President;

10. On Tuesday  02 April at 16h52 CEST the UN's travel agency completed the instructions received earlier in the day and advised that it had reserved the airline tickets for the UN SRP and his team to travel to London to meet Mr. Assange on the following day 03 April 2019;

11. On Tuesday 02 April at 17h35 CEST the SRP sent an e-mail to H.E. The Ambassador of Ecuador to the UK advising inter alia "We are standing by with air tickets purchased all ready to make the trip to London very early tomorrow morning. We would appreciate your communicating any further instructions from your capital at the earliest opportunity and, at any rate not later than 23h00 UK time today Tuesday 2nd April 2019 since otherwise we would have to cancel our trip."

12. On Tuesday 02 April at 23h23 CEST the SRP received a cordial e-mail from Ambassador Romero explaining inter alia "As you are aware, the Government of Ecuador has extended an open invitation to all special rapporteurs of the UN System to visit Ecuador. In such context, your request is being considered and you will soon receive a formal note from our Permanent Mission in Geneva regarding the necessary coordination prior to your visit. For this reason, I recommend you not to get the air ticket to visit London tomorrow."

13. On Wednesday 03 April at 05h18 CEST, in view of the message last received from Ambassador Romero and the non-receipt of explicit permission/confirmation of acceptance of his visit by the Ecuadorian Government ,the SRP cancelled his air tickets for the 07h20 flight to London.

14. On Wednesday 03 April at 09h08 CEST the SRP sent OHCHR Special Procedures Branch a revised version of the SRP mandate's response to the formal complaint received from the President of Ecuador requesting further information. This letter is expected to be formally transmitted from OHCHR Geneva through the Permanent Mission of the OHCHR in Geneva later on today 03 April or latest tomorrow Thursday 04 April.

15. On Wednesday 03 April at 11h41 CEST a renewed formal request for a meeting with Mr Assange was sent from the UN SRP to the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, this time for Thursday 25th April at 14h00.

16. On Wednesday 03 April CEST at 12H09 CEST the Special Procedures Branch OHCHR Geneva relayed to the SRP  Note Verbale Ref  4-7-76 dated 03 April 2019  which is a response from the Permanent Mission of Ecuador in Geneva stating that they will gladly facilitate the meeting with Mr. Assange, but that they needed more time in advance in order to follow the necessary protocols. They also requested that all communications are done through the Permanent Mission in Geneva.

17. On Wednesday 03 April at 14h21 CEST the SRP instructed Special Procedures Branch OHCHR to re-send the request for the meeting of the 25th April with Mr Assange through the Permanent Mission of Ecuador in Geneva.

The SRP is therefore reassured by the communication from the Permanent Mission of Ecuador in Geneva that it will gladly facilitate his meeting with Mr. Assange which has now been re-scheduled for Thursday 25th April and which should serve to further gather evidence whether there exists a prima facie case of violation of privacy that would warrant further investigation. The SRP has also acted promptly in response to the complaint received from the President of Ecuador and is awaiting further information requested for his preliminary assessment before deciding whether there exists a prima facie case of violation of the privacy of President Lenin Morena that would then merit an in-depth investigation of the case.