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GSO Executive Council Resolution on Bradley Manning, Julian Assange, and WikiLeaks

WHEREAS, the United States government has launched an orchestrated campaign to censor the whistleblowing website WikiLeaks, a publisher of confidential documents that are shedding unprecedented light on US actions overseas;

WHEREAS, at the same time, the US government has begun criminal proceedings against accused Army whistleblower Pfc. Bradley Manning, whom it has held in solitary confinement since July 2010 in conditions that Psychologists for Social Responsibility characterize as “needless brutality,” and which numerous human rights monitors like Amnesty International have condemned;

WHEREAS, the government repression and prosecution of whistleblowers sends an ominous signal for the future of academic and journalistic freedom;

Be it RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Graduate Student Organization of the State University of New York at Stony Brook,

CONDEMNS the cruel and inhumane treatment of Bradley Manning by the US government,

CONDEMNS US government efforts to prosecute Bradley Manning, Julian Assange, and others connected to WikiLeaks for leaking confidential documents,

CALLS UPON the United States government to ensure protection for Manning under the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989, and to otherwise cease all efforts to repress, intimidate, and prosecute those responsible for disseminating evidence of government criminality.