Sworn Declaration

To whom it may concern

My name is **Daria Poliakova**, and I am a postdoctoral researcher in mathematics at Hamburg University. I know **Karim Adiprasito** professionally. After hearing about the allegations by **J** , I wish to share what I personally observed.

In **April 2021**, I was a PhD student at the University of Copenhagen and visited **IHES** with my partner. Karim was giving a lecture series "Lefschetz, Hodge and combinatorics", and his PhD student, J , was also present. My partner and I, as well as Karim and J , were all lodged at the Ormaille residence; additionally, the office my partner and I shared was next to their offices. This gave me ample opportunity to interact with Karim and J and to observe how they interacted with each other.

From what I saw, their relationship was a close and somewhat informal student–advisor relationship combined with personal friendship. Karim and J spent much time together, both at the institute and outside it, and seemed genuinely happy in each other's company. I observed that J trusted Karim and sought his attention both mathematically and personally, and that Karim was supportive of her and genuinely concerned for her well-being in both respects. He **encouraged** her to interact and work with other researchers; I did **not** see attempts to **isolate** her or to **force** closeness. In the times and places I observed them, I did **not** observe **romantic or sexual behavior** between them. However, I did observe that J sought his close vicinity and attention, both for academic matters but also emotional reassurance.

Their accommodation arrangements—namely that they shared an apartment initially—were known to people around them and described by both of them as entirely platonic. They were generally open about being friends as well as advisor and student.

For context, in **December 2022** I visited Copenhagen to give a talk in the **Copenhagen–Jerusalem Combinatorics Seminar**. I stayed at Karim's home **with his spouse present**, which reflected his practice of hosting visitors. In a conversation during that visit, both spoke about J in **caring, non-romantic terms** (e.g., "like a little sister"). This matched the dynamic I had observed in 2021. In conversations with me at this time, Karim told me that he felt guilty because he failed to shape J into the kind of mathematician he hoped she would become, and that he was disappointed in himself over this failure. He did not use any language that indicated romantic or sexual interest.

I am available for further clarifications or questions.

I declare (under penalty of perjury) that the foregoing is true and correct.

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