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Signed:

Title: Associate Professor
Date: November 2, 2017
Place: Toulouse, France

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Signed: Nicolas Aragon

Title: Ph. D. Student
Date: April the 3rd, 2018
Place: Limoges

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Signed: 

Title: Research Engineer, PhD
Date: November 9, 2017
Place: Seclin, France

I, Loïc (Thierry) BIDOUX, of Worldline, Zone Industrielle A, Rue de la Pointe, 59113 Seclin, FRANCE, do hereby declare that the cryptosystem, reference implementation, or optimized implementations that I have submitted, known as HQC, is my own original work, or if submitted jointly with others, is the original work of the joint submitters.

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Signed: 

Title: Research Engineer, PhD
Date: November 9, 2017
Place: Seclin, France

I, Olivier Blazy of University of Limoges, 123 Av. Albert Thomas, 87000 Limoges, France do hereby declare that the cryptosystem, reference implementation, or optimized implementations that I have submitted, known as HQC ,is my own original work, or if submitted jointly with others, is the original work of the joint submitters.

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Signed: Olivier Blazy
Title: Assistant Prof
Date: November 28, 2017
Place: Limoges, France

I, Jean-Christophe Deneuville, of INSA-CVL, 88 boulevard Lahitolle, 18000 Bourges, FRANCE, and University of Limoges, 123 avenue Albert Thomas, 87060 Limoges Cedex, FRANCE, do hereby declare that the cryptosystem, reference implementation, or optimized implementations that I have submitted, known as HQC, is my own original work, or if submitted jointly with others, is the original work of the joint submitters.

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Signed: Jean-Christophe Deneuville

Title: Ph.D. post-doc
Date: April the 3rd, 2018
Place: Bourges

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Signed: P. GABORIT
Title: Professor
Date: 28 nov. 2017
Place: Limoges

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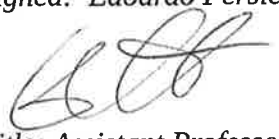

Title: Assistant Professor
Date: April the 3rd, 2018
Place: Boca Raton, Florida, USA

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Signed: Gilles Zémor

Title: Professor
Date: November 2, 2017
Place: Bordeaux, France

I, Philippe GABORIT, University of Limoges, 123 av. A. Thomas, 87000 Limoges France

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Signed: P. GABORIT

Title: Professor
Date: November 28 2017
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Signed:

Title: Associated Professor
Date: Nov 2, 2017
Place: Toulouse, FRANCE

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Signed:

Pour le (la) Président(e) du CNRS
et par délégation,
La Déléguée Régionale par intérim
Marion BLIN

Title: Regional Delegate

Date: 20.11.2017

Place: Orléans, France

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Signed: Edoardo Persichetti

Title: Assistant Professor
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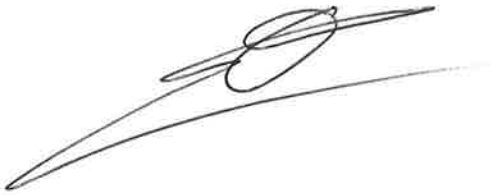

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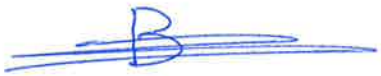
Signed: 

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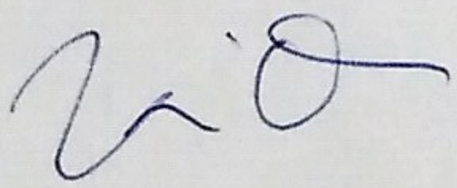
Signed: 

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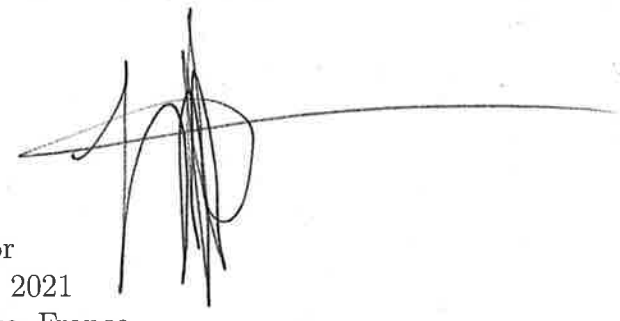
Signed: 

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