To: Minister of Interior
Ministry of Interior
25, El Sheikh Rihan Street
Bab al-Louk, Cairo
Egypt

Groningen,

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Dear Minister,

I am gravely concerned about the arbitrary arrests and detention of Sudanese nationals solely for their migration status, and their forced returns to Sudan, where an internal armed conflict has raged since April 2023. These unlawful deportations are taking place without individualized risk assessments or the possibility to claim asylum. Tens of thousands of undocumented Sudanese refugees, including those awaiting appointments with UNCHR, also risk of arbitrary detention, and forced return to Sudan.

I urge you to immediately halt all collective expulsions to Sudan and respect the principle of non-refoulement by not transferring anyone to a place like Sudan where they would be at real risk of serious human rights violations. I also urge you to immediately release all those arbitrarily detained.

Yours sincerely,