I am writing this to express my grave concern on at least 13 detainees who were arrested under the Security Offences Act and have reported torture or other ill-treatment by the authorities and sexual harassment of their family members.

I would like urge you to ensure that all those detained are not tortured or subject to other ill-treatment.

And I call on you to ensure that all detainees are provided with appropriate medical care, access to lawyers of their choice, access to family members and that their families are not threatened or harassed.

I urge you to independently investigate the allegations of torture and other ill-treatment of the 13 detainees, make the findings public, and ensure that all those responsible, are brought to justice in fair trials, and that victims are provided with reparations.

Yours respectfully,