Your Excellency,

I respectfully call on the Sudanese authorities to release Matar Younis Ali Hussein immediately and unconditionally as he is a prisoner of conscience, detained solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression.

I further call on the authorities to ensure that, pending his release, Matar Younis Ali Hussein is granted regular access to his family and a lawyer of his choice.

I strongly urge the authorities to ensure that, pending his release, he is not subjected to torture and other ill-treatment while in detention.

I lastly call on the authorities to release all detainees from Darfur who are being held solely as a result of the peaceful exercise of their human rights.

Sincerely yours,