

I am writing to express my grave concern on Afghan asylum seekers in Turkish detention centres and camps who are reportedly being pressured to “accept” a return to Afghanistan where they would be at real risk of serious human rights violations. Authorities say Afghans are ‘voluntarily’ returning to their state but it seems they are not actually.

I should call on authorities to immediately release the detained Afghans in detention centres and ensure the detained Afghans have access to national asylum procedures. I should also urge you to halt all returns to Afghanistan, until they can take place in safety and dignity.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely,