

I am writing to call on the Egyptian authorities to release the 25 detainees immediately and unconditionally as they are held solely for peacefully exercising their right to freedom of assembly and expression.

I call on you to pend their release, urge you to give the detainees access to their legal representatives, families and any medical assistance they may require.

Lastly, I call on you to conduct inpedent and impartial investigations into reports that detainees were beaten and sexually harrassed upon arrest and while in custody, and to ensure that all detainees are protected from any further torture and other ill-treatment.

Respectfully yours,