I am writing to express my grave concern on five Palestinian refugees from Syria who are at imminent risk of being forcibly returned to either Gaza or Syria by the Egyptian authorities. Their travel documents have been confiscated and they have been confined to a terminal in Cairo airport.

I would like to urge you not to forcibly return Mohamed Fareed Yousef, Khalid Jamal Salman, Riham Hassan Mahmoud, Mohamed Aldurra Mahmoud and Ahmad Abbas to Syria or Gaza.

I also ask you to uphold their international obligations, under the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1969 Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely yours,