

(Translated from Arabic)

Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Sudan, Geneva

Response to the joint urgent appeal dated 15 May 2018

1. With regard to the joint appeal concerning Ms. [REDACTED] dated 15 May 2018, the Government of the Sudan wishes to reaffirm its commitment to the protection of rights and freedoms and to compliance with the international treaties that it has ratified.
2. The case in question is still at the litigation stage and the Sudan believes that intervention might be detrimental to the course of justice and affect the conduct of the proceedings. It is essential to refrain from any action on the issue at this stage in order to ensure the impartiality of the judiciary and a fair trial, since any intervention by international mechanisms might have an adverse impact on the course of justice.
3. The judgment handed down in the case of Ms. [REDACTED] was a preliminary ruling concerning which an appeal could be filed. The appeal proceedings have not yet been completed, nor have other means of litigation, such as an application for a review or a request to the victim's family to grant a pardon.
4. The Sudan reaffirms that Ms. [REDACTED] was given a fair trial that complied with Sudanese law and the country's international obligations.
5. The Sudan reiterates its request that the special procedures system refrain from politicization, selectivity and the practice of double standards and from imposing cultural patterns on States and peoples.
6. We extend our gratitude and appreciation for your letter and we shall report to you on the outcome of the case.

