

## **Embassy of the republic of Sudan**

### **Statement on the agreement between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Arab Republic of Egypt on returning of Tiran and Sanafir Islands**

Sudan's ministry of foreign affairs continues to look closely at the agreement between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to return Tiran and Sanafir Islands to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia before, during and after the agreement, as the concluded agreement is concerning Sudan for its relevance to the Sudanese Halayeb and Shalatin areas and their neighboring seashores.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirms its keen interest in closely watching this agreement, notwithstanding the details of which are not yet made public. That is to preserve the total rights of Sudan without being incomplete and make sure that the concluded agreement is not violating the sovereign, historical and legal rights of Sudan in Halayeb and Shalatin areas and their neighbouring seashores

Since 1958, Sudan has lodged a notice of complaint with the UN Security Council wherein confirming its sovereign rights in Halayeb and Shalatin areas, and continuously renewed it, emphasizing its sovereign right.

Sudan calls on its brothers in the Arab Republic of Egypt to resort to direct negotiations to solve this issue, as was done with the brothers in Saudi Arabia, or accept international arbitration in compliance with international laws and conventions as are regarded as arbitrator in such cases as has happened in returning Taba to the Egyptian sovereignty.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reiterate that it will continue following up this agreement and other agreements attached to it, with authorities concern and to take the necessary actions and arrangements to preserve the firmly established Sudanese sovereign territorial rights in Halayeb and Shalatin areas.

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