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The General Secretariat of the League of Arab States'
Statement of solidarity with stranded migrants and
refugees at the borders between Belarus and Poland

The General Secretariat of the League of Arab States expresses its solidarity with migrants and refugees stranded at the borders between Belarus and Poland, including among them Arab refugees. In a crisis that has escalated severely in recent weeks and has led to many tragic deaths. It emphasizes the importance of respecting the human rights of those persons regardless of their legal status, in accordance with international law as well as international treaties and conventions, in particular the International Humanitarian Law, the International Human Rights Law, the 1951 Refugee Convention, in addition to the Global Compact on Refugees and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular migration.

In light of the tough humanitarian conditions those migrants and refugees are facing especially the very cold weather conditions, the General Secretariat stresses the importance of facilitating the role of international humanitarian and relief organizations, and all other relevant actors, in order to identify the urgent needs of those migrants and refugees and provide them with basic services, taking into account the special needs of women, children, the elderly, and people with disabilities.

The General Secretariat underlines the importance of being aware that the political repercussions of this crisis do not take the attention away from its urgent humanitarian aspects, which require securing the basic living conditions of migrants and refugees stranded at the borders, providing them with shelter, food, water, and medical service, especially that winter looms and the Covid-19 pandemic is continuing.

The General Secretariat is keen on shedding light on the suffering of migrants and refugees, which has intensified over the past years. It emphasizes the importance of their issues to the League of Arab States and extends a solidarity statement, with hope that the root causes of displacement will be addressed. It emphasizes as well the cruciality of the principle of international solidarity and achieving the principles of responsibility and burden sharing by the various actors in the international community.