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The French Research Institute for Economics, Law and Social Studies in Khartoum (CEDEJ Khartoum) strongly condemns the Executive Order issued by the new Administration of the United States on January 27, 2017, entitled "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States". This Executive Order denies citizens of a designated list of seven countries the entry to the United States of America. The list encompasses Sudanese citizens and dangerously blurs the lines between national belongings, political violence and members of terrorist organizations.

More specifically, this Executive Order sends a negative message to our esteemed Sudanese academic colleagues with whom we have been fostering strong and fruitful collaborations. It prevents them from attending international conferences in the United States of America. It also reflects a contradictory and counterproductive initiative only two weeks after the former Obama Administration announced the partial levy of US sanctions that have been affecting Sudan for the last two decades (January 13, 2017). The levy was a very positive sign that could open a new era of collaboration and avenues of political and economic activity in Sudan.

As a Research Institute concerned with contemporary research on issues relating to population movement, democratization, economics and law, we are attached to advancing people's freedom of speech and mobility. We thus express our deep concern about the pejorative effects of this exclusionary Order on colleagues from the targeted countries. Moreover, we express a strong solidarity with our colleagues in the United States of America who would be negatively affected by such a discriminatory policy. It is indeed such short-sighted policies that contribute to the development of anti-American and anti-Western sentiments, reinforcing radical groups instead of weakening them.

Therefore, as the Coordinator of CEDEJ Khartoum, and in the name of solidarity towards our colleagues in the United States of America, Sudan, Iran, Somalia, Libya, Iraq, Syria and Yemen I will not be participating in any scientific event held in the United States of America until such punitive measures introduced by this Executive Order are revoked, and I enjoin my colleagues to do likewise.

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