

Item 3: Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development

Unilateral Coercive Measures Violate the Right to Development

Mr. President,

Unilateral Coercive Measures create obstacles to social and economic development of targeted countries. They violate the fundamental right to development,¹ cause economic recession and insecurity in the global free trade³. They also violate the right to peace, the right to self-determination and the right to life.

UCM violates economic, historical and financial rights of people, eliminates the middle class in societies and pushes the banking transactions to underground networks.

Mr. President,

- Noting the Special Rapporteur's proposal for a central UN on register UCM, ODVV calls on the HRC to create a database so that all victims of sanctions can make their case available to the public, in order to promote transparency and accountability for all violations resulted by UCM. There are numerous cases in Sudan, Cuba, Russia, Qatar and Iran could be registered as breaches to Human Rights because of UCM.
- ODVV also calls on the Special Rapporteur on UCM to update the HRC on all cases of human rights violations caused by UCM recorded in the database.
- ODVV calls on the HRC Advisory Committee to study and develop a mechanism to encourage the sanctioning countries compensate for the loses of people who are victims of UCM - including those who have lost their lives; suffered lack of access to medicine; adequate medical care; financial losses and/or money laundry as well as lack of access to education.

¹ . The targeted sections are imposed on the excuse of putting pressure on the governments while the research results indicate that they target the vulnerable people of each society.

² . <https://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2013/11/19/sanctions-successes-and-failures/in-iran-sanctions-hurt-the-wrong-people>

³ . <https://www.cfr.org/interview/how-sanctions-affect-irans-economy>