

## **Organization for Defending Victims of Violence**



The Special Rapporteurs Mandates Suffer from Ambiguities

**Mr. President;**

The Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV) believes that the position of Special Rapporteur, seriously suffers from lack of a clear agenda regarding the frameworks of the content of the reports.

For example, overarching sanctions imposed on Iran were never reflected in the reports of the SRs on Iran in a suitable manner. Various ODVV reports highlighted anti-human rights aspects of these sanctions, including violating the rights of children, death of people with special diseases due to medical sanctions, violation of the right to development as a result of economic sanctions, undermining Iran's banking system and subsequent emergence of a black monetary and financial market as a result of banking sanctions and so forth. In addition, in various reports prepared by the UN Special Rapporteur on unilateral coercive measures, the human rights aspects of these sanctions have been highlighted, but SRs on Iran have refrained from mentioning them in their reports. For example, in her latest report on Iran, the late UN Special Rapporteur on human rights in Iran, Asma Jahangir, did not say a word about the negative consequences of sanctions on human rights.

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Therefore, considering the inter-relatedness and inclusiveness of human rights, formulation of a contextual agenda for special rapporteurs is necessary in order to encourage them address all cases of human rights violations in a country and the ones done by foreign actors and States.

Continued and effective contacts between special rapporteurs and nongovernmental organizations will contribute to production of more effective reports. Therefore, creating a mechanism to facilitate continued contacts between nongovernmental organizations and special rapporteurs is, therefore, imperative.