

Item 5. General Debate

**Organization for Defending Victims of Violence**

**UCM Negatively Impact Human Rights**



**Mr. President,**

The United States withdrawal from the long-term-negotiated Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) and its lack of commitment to its international obligations and promises will certainly undermine the peace and security in the Middle East region and cause gross violation of human rights of the Iranian people. The US Sanctions target various sections of society, depriving the people of many social services, leaving a negative impact on people's right to life and right to health by limiting their access to medicine and medical equipment, despite the nominal exemption of medicine and medical services from sanctioned areas.

The sanctions also violate the US extraterritorial obligations not to breach human rights in other countries. This is while Iran did its best to comply with JCPOA as an international agreement and its commitment to the deal was approved by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspection many times.

**Mr. President,**

Considering the unlawful behavior of the United States to leave the JCPOA and to impose sanctions against the Iranian people for the second time, ODVV urges the UN Special Rapporteur on UCM to visit Iran to study the negative impacts of US sanctions on the lives of the Iranian people, reporting his findings the Human Rights Council (HRC).

ODVV, also urges the SR on UCM to offer assign a working group to invite the civil society bodies to report on the cases of human rights violation caused by US sanctions in the countries of Iran, Cuba, Russia, Qatar, and North Korea.