

## **Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV)**

### **Item3: ID with the Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty**

#### **Unilateral Coercive Measures Prevent Eradication of Extreme Poverty**



#### **Mr. President,**

Eradication of Extreme Poverty is accepted as one of the Sustainable Development Goals while it is seriously hampered by Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM). UCMs nullify any attempts to end poverty and what is worst is that they create increasing poverty and income inequality in the targeted societies. In addition to poverty creation, UCMs violate the fundamental human rights of civilians in the targeted communities, specifically the right to development.

Economic sanctions have a negative impact on all aspects of development enumerated in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including economic growth, industry improvement, construction and maintenance of civilian infrastructures, education and wellbeing.

#### **Mr. President,**

The most serious effects of sanctions on living standards are seen in countries under the United States' unilateral measures including Cuba, Venezuela, Russia and specifically Iran. The sanctions, being imposed by the greatest claimer of human rights, violate all principles of human rights. Therefore, the organization for defending victims of violence (ODVV) calls on the Special Rapporteur on Extreme poverty to speak out for the rights of people adversely affected by UCMs in targeted countries.

ODVV calls on the Special Rapporteur on Extreme poverty to monitor the effects of UCMs on extreme poverty in targeted countries, report the findings to the Human Rights Council.

ODVV calls on the Special Rapporteur on Extreme poverty to study the situation of poverty in countries targeted by unilateral sanctions and offer recommendations on how to eradicate extreme poverty in such communities.