



### **Item 3: ID with the Special Rapporteur on the Negative Impact of Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM)s on the Enjoyment of Human Rights**

**Mr. President,**

One more time, ODVV draws the attention of the international community, the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms to the following inhuman outcomes of imposing UCMs on Sovereign countries:

- UCMs target the most fundamental human rights of the target population including the right to life, the right to health and the right to food.
- Sanctions on SWIFT interbank system interfere with financial exchanges and prevent purchase of fundamental items including food and medicine.
- Comprehensive UCMs act as “collective punishment” of the target civilians and they are also considered as a “blockade” of the target country.
- Comprehensive UCMs are considered as “crimes against humanity” by UN Special Rapporteur<sup>1</sup>, as well as Article 7 of the Rome Statute ICC.

**Mr. President,**

ODVV warns against the increased use of UCMs against States by few sanctioning countries and stresses on the obligations of international community to take action on this regard.

Echoing the call made by the Special Rapporteur on UCMs, ODVV urges on the appointment of a special representative of the UN Secretary General on UCMs.

ODVV urges the international community and the United Nations to take practical steps to translate the existing consensus<sup>2</sup> on condemnation of UCMs into action.

ODVV urges the UN General Assembly and the HRC to establish a mechanism for the rights of UCM victims to an effective remedy including appropriate and effective financial compensation.

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1 . A/HRC/39/47/Add.1

2 . A/HRC/42/46, p.13