

**Item3. General Debate**

**Organization for Defending Victims of Violence**



**Sanctions of Air Industry**

**Mr President,**

Less a month ago a passenger plane from one of Iranian airlines crashed, killing all its Iranian passengers and the crew. In the last 20 years 1013 people have lost their lives to air disasters in Iran. These figures do not include the 219 people who were killed by a United States warship on 8 July 1988. Reports indicate that the main cause of 18 of the air disasters in Iran were due to mechanical faults and or the aging radar system. The aging air industry in Iran, lack of sales of new planes and parts and components due to cruel sanctions are the leading reasons for this terrible situation. The United States is the main instigator of the deaths of Iranians, thanks to the imposition of unilateral sanctions against the Iranian air industry.<sup>1</sup>

Even after the nuclear deal, the US government did not keep its promises to end the sanctions against the Iranian commercial airliners. With the comprehensive nuclear agreement between Iran and the 5+1, the United States committed to agree with the lifting of passenger plane sales sanctions against Iran, and this was brought in the text of the agreement. But through universal measures, the United States closed the door to the purchasing of newer planes, in order to reiterate its direct role in the slaughter of Iranian citizens.<sup>2</sup>

**Mr President,**

ODVV emphasizes once again on the discussions presented by SR on UCM that Unilateral Coercive Measures ultimately have high costs for and adverse impacts on the enjoyment of those same human rights it supposed to strengthen. In this regard, the imposition of unilateral coercive measures is ultimately a self-defeating exercise.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/iran-aviation-crash-aseman-airlines-oldest-fleet-boeing-727-a8216221.html>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.weeklystandard.com/sanctions-could-derail-boeing-deal-with-iran-airlines/article/2011140>  
<http://www.bbc.com/persian/iran-43128324?ocid=telegram>

<sup>3</sup> A/HRC/33/48/Add.1