

**Item 3: Clustered ID with the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of the unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights and the Special Rapporteur on the right to development**

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



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of Violence

### ***UCMs violate International Law***

**Mr. President,**

Unilateral coercive Measures subject the people of targeted countries to collective punishment, violating international law, including international humanitarian and human rights law. Our organization draws the attention of the Human Rights Council members to General Assembly resolutions 72/168 and 72/201 on UCMs.<sup>1</sup> We remind all the members of the bitter reality that UCMs violate people's right to life, right to health, right to education, right to an adequate standard of living, right to development and right to self-determination among other rights.

**Excellencies,**

Did you know that even ordinary Medical Devices including Oxygen Generators, Diagnostic Medical Imaging Equipment, even Autoclaves larger than 20 liters that are used for sterilizing medical equipment and objects require specific OFAC authorization in order to be imported to Iran?

**Mr. President,**

Noting Mr. Idriss Jazairy's statement on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV) urges all relevant Human Rights Council special procedures, especially the Special Rapporteur on the right to development and the Special Rapporteur on the right to health, to openly condemn, in joint statements, the impact of the US unilateral sanctions on Iran civilians, especially the most vulnerable groups.

ODVV urges the high Commissioner for Human Rights to mandate an independent mission to Iran to study the deteriorating impacts of UCMs on the life of the vulnerable sectors of society.

Reiterating on the UCM Special Rapporteur's previous recommendations, ODVV urges the Human Rights Council to establish a compensation mechanism to address the sufferings of UCM victims in all sanctioned countries including Iran.

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<sup>1</sup>. paragraphs 13, 22 and 23 of General Assembly resolution 72/168 on UCMs, and paragraphs 3 and 4 of the General Assembly resolution 72/201 on UCMs.

<sup>2</sup>. [https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Documents/iran\\_gl\\_med\\_supplies.pdf](https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Documents/iran_gl_med_supplies.pdf)