

Item 6: UPR Mechanism

## **Organization for Defending Victims of Violence**

### **UPR and Its Challenges**

**Mr. President,**



The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) is one of the important UN mechanisms for promotion and protection of human rights which by leaning on dialogue and cooperation has been able to create a monitoring mechanism on the behaviour of countries.

But the recommendations given by Council member states are more dependent on countries' political tendencies than being proportionate with the human rights characteristics of the country under review. The recommending countries often create coalitions and joint decision makings with taking into consideration their own national and political interests.

Furthermore, these participating countries perform through their selective treatment of human rights issues of the country under review. This selective treatment is due to various factors such as the political/diplomatic relations between the reviewing country and the country under review, or whether the country is part of the developed or developing countries. Such selective approach results in the disregard of some parts of the challenges of the country under review and in another part causes the piling up of recommendations.

**Mr. President,**

ODVV urges the member states to avoid selective approaches based on their national and political interests in UPR sessions, and submit their recommendations with inclusive interaction and solely with attention to human rights principles, so that they can help promote the human rights situation of the country under review.