

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence

Item 3: General Debate

Iran and the Unilateral Coercive Measures



Mr. President,

Iran is being punished by Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM)s for being committed to the United Nations' Security Council resolution 2231. Iran is banned from having any normal relations with the international community. Iran is prevented from having normal free trade with other States in accordance with the General Assembly's Declaration on Principles of International Law. "Such a threat or use of force constitutes a violation of international law and the Charter of the United Nations and shall never be employed as a means of settling international issues".

UCMs undermine the legitimacy of the United Nations as an international organization and set a precedent for countries to resort to arbitrary solutions to political disagreements among states, rather than trying to make efforts to respect the rule of law and strengthen the legitimacy of International Organizations.

Mr. President,

Being seriously concerned with violation of human rights and the undermining of the international rule of law caused by UCMs, (ODVV) calls on the UN High Commissionaire to monitor the effects of UCMs on human rights in targeted countries, as well as the adverse effects of UCMs on the legitimacy and credibility of the United Nations, report her findings to the Human Rights Council, and encourage the international community to put an end to unilateralism against sovereign states by great powers.

ODVV echoes the recommendation offered by the Special Rapporteur on UCM and calls on the United Nations' General Assembly to unanimously adopt a resolution condemning and forbidding the resort to all Unilateral Economic Measures against sovereign states.

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