

*Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV)*

**Item 3: ID with the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food  
Food as a Weapon to Kill**



**Madam President,**

Political change through multiple economic sanctions in the form of economic blockade or economic war leads to denial of access to fundamental items including food and medicine for the target population. Economic war uses deprivation of access to food as a weapon to impose political pressure on the target country.

**Madam President,**

ODVV notes the fact that the Special Rapporteur has discussed wars and conflicts as a source of food insecurity indicating that the most serious food crisis take place in the regions of active conflict. However, our organization draws the special rapporteur's attention to the fact that economic war can significantly affect the access to food in targeted regions in violation of the international human rights and humanitarian law.

Therefore, ODVV urges the Special Rapporteur on the right to food to:

- Speak out against the inhuman comprehensive Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM)s imposed on Iran by the United States in formal UN statements or reports submitted to the HRC, mentioning the effect of comprehensive sanctions on the right to food of the target population specially the children, the patients and the disabled.
- Contribute to the mandate of the SR on UCMs, to show the inhuman impact of illegal UCMs on human rights of the target people.
- In line with the HRC resolutions on UCM specially A/RES/73/167, urges the SR on the right to food to pay due attention, within the scope of his mandate, to the negative impact and consequences of UCMs in his reports submitted to the Council.