



**Item 4: Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran Mr. Javaid Rehman**

**Madam President,**

Within the past decades, Iran-based NGOs have been striving for promotion of all human rights inside Iran including the right of patients with Thalassemia, Autism, Cancer, MS as well as the rights of women, children, migrants, vulnerable groups and people with disabilities who receive less attention in the reports of the special rapporteurs.

However, the economic warfare imposed on Iran is seriously shrinking the resources available to NGOs, including medicine, food items and financial donations, depriving their beneficiaries of the services that would be available to them in absence of comprehensive sanctions. The sanctions, that amount to de-facto blockades, subject Iran population to “collective punishment” causing “indiscriminate” and “disproportionate sufferings” to all people.

This form of UCM which is considered as economic war deprive the target country of many resources including national sources of income, all international banking transactions and all exports and imports.

**Madam President,**

Noting the fact that the Special Rapporteur has allocated part of his report to the negative effect of comprehensive sanctions on Iranians, ODVV urges the Special Rapporteur, to pay due attention, to the negative impact of economic war which is crippling the enjoyment of all human rights in Iran and join the other thematic mandate holders including the special rapporteur on UCMs and take serious steps, including release of joint statements, to mitigate the detrimental effects of economic war in Iran.

ODVV also recommends the reports of the Special Rapporteur to make more reference to the information offered by Iran-based NGOs who have access to valid on-the-ground information.