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1. Disability Association of Tavana
2. Ertegha Keyfiat Zedegi Iranian Charitable Institute
3. Family Health Association of Iran
4. Iran Autism Association
5. Iranian Thalassemia Society
6. Maryam Ghasemi Educational Charity Institute
7. Peivandi Gloe Narges Organization
8. The association of Citizens Civil Rights Protection

Item 3: ID with SR on Unilateral Coercive Measures

UCMs Continue to Take Lives Round the World

Madam President,

Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM)s continue to take civilian lives especially under the Covid-19 pandemic, while many UN resolutions have repeatedly emphasized on the fact that food and medicine should not be used as tools for political purposes. We note that UN officials including the UN HC, the SR on UCMs, IE on International Solidarity, the SR on Health, the SR on food and the SR on Extrajudicial Executions continue to reiterate that “sanctions are bringing suffering and death” to target countries and “sanctions should be lifted”¹. However, all these concerns fall on deaf ears.

Madam President,

One more time, we echo the concerns expressed by the former SR on UCMs that comprehensive sanctions are considered as “economic warfare” and “de-facto blockades”². UCMs seriously shrink the space for NGOs and charities banning them from any international cooperation and should be lifted.

¹. <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=26155&LangID=E>
². A/HRC/39/54, A/HRC/42/46

We condemn the collective punishment of people through UCMs and urges the UN SR on UCMs, the UN HC and the Special Rapporteurs on International Solidarity, Health, food and Extrajudicial Executions to continue to be the voice of the millions of voiceless people whose human rights are being violated by UCMs.

We urge the HRC to use all the capacities available to it, in order to terminate this form of economic terrorism and “crime against humanity”⁷.

We call on the UN General Assembly and the HRC to establish a mechanism to prevent countries from arbitrary imposition of sanctions on others.

⁷. A/HRC/39/47/Add.1