

*Joint Oral Statement by:<sup>1</sup> ODVV and FUNDALATIN*



### **Item 3: General Debate UCMs Must Be Stopped**

**Madam President,**

The on-the-ground experiences of our NGOs proves the concerns made by the the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures and other UN officials including the UN HC and the UN SG that UCMs drastically impact various sectors of the target countries including the economy, national income, citizen's income, internal production and the social services that government offers to citizens among all economic, social and cultural rights.

**Madam President,**

Considering the proven mal-effects of UCMs, we call on all the UN member States to adopt a resolution and unanimously condemn the widespread and systematic violation of Human Rights through comprehensive illegal UCMs that impose unnecessary sufferings to the target populations including Iran and Venezuela.

We call on all the States and the members of the civil society who work on the adverse impacts of UCMs on people's economic social and cultural rights including the right to health, access to medicine and vaccine to continue to urge the UNHRC to take meaningful steps toward the termination of the illegal regime of UCMs.

We are alarmed that UCMs continue to take civilian lives in silence under the Covid-19 pandemic and calls on the UN HC and the UN SG to prevent humanitarian crisis through UCMs.

We call on all sanctioned countries to continue to use the international judicial institutions to hold the sanctioning countries accountable for violation of human rights through UCMs.

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