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Item 10: General Debate

Sanctioned Countries and Technical Assistance

Madam President,

Our NGOs are alarmed by the negative impact of economic sanctions, on ALL human rights in all target countries including the Iranians' right to health, access to medicine, the Government's respond to COVID-19 living standards, banking transactions and humanitarian operations.

We echo the UN repeated calls on the sanctioning countries to lift all illegal economic sanctions, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. The illegal sanctions on all banking transactions and oil exports disrupt the purchase of medicine and vaccine from foreign companies.

However, we reiterate on the fact that UCMs affect all human rights including the right to life and the right to health. We are terribly alarmed by the United States widespread inhuman attempts to prevent Iranians from access to Covid Vaccine (2). The alarming United States new sanction on Iranian COVID-19 vaccine developers reflects the US determination to threaten civilian lives in violation of international law and international humanitarian law.

Madam President,

In line with the UN HRC reports (3), resolutions (4), and public statements (5), we call for lifting of all UCMs. We call on the UN member states to adopt a resolution to immediately lift all sanctions and mandate the Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Mechanism of the Human Rights Council to offer sanctioned States with technical assistance and advisory services to prevent, minimize and redress the adverse impact of unilateral coercive measures on human rights.

1. e.g., A/75/213; A/HRC/46/50

2. <https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/456988/U-S-adds-Iranian-COVID-19-vaccine-developers-to-sanctions-list>

3. A/HRC/45/7; A/HRC/42/46; A/HRC/36/44; A/HRC/33/48

4. A/HRC/RES/24/14; A/HRC/RES/30/2; A/HRC/RES/34/13; A/RES/71/193

5. <https://www.un.org/press/en/2020/sgsm20024.doc.htm>;

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=25744&LangID=E>; the most recent call: <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=26840&LangID=E>

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