

Item 3: Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty



Madam President,

We reiterate that Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM) reverse the efforts toward the eradication of extreme poverty especially under Covid-19 pandemic, because they are designed to create economic problems, poverty and unemployment in the targeted societies. In fact, the measures undermine the universal values set by the UN to protect human rights and improve the living conditions of civilians.

UCMs aim at creating financial and political instability, increasing income inequality, widening the poverty gap and making the deprived sections of the population feel the most impact. Under UCMs, the poor lose the chance to meet their basic needs or invest in education and health, that violates their fundamental right to life and adequate living standard. Also, UCMs lead to social discrimination, exclusion and lack of participation in social life for the poor and push them to the margins of society more than ever.

Madam President,

UCMs add to corruption and illegal trades and contribute to formation of black markets, because they ban legal banking transactions.

All in all, UCMs draw more and more people into poverty. Therefore, we call on the Special Rapporteur to:

- speak out for the rights of people adversely affected by UCMs in targeted countries, in public statements.

- monitor the effects of UCMs on extreme poverty in targeted countries and report the findings to the Human Rights Council.