

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence

**Item 3: General Debate**



UCMs and violation of the Right to Education and the Right to Development

**Madam President,**

Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM)s undermine the enjoyment and exercise of the most fundamental rights to life, food, water, health, housing and education. In targeted economies, the families encounter challenges in payment for clothing and education expenses which can limit access to education.

School and university education face decrease in targeted counties as a result of economic issues and sanctioned access to academic resources, online courses and certain internet applications. Since the outbreak of the pandemic, online education at all levels has been hampered by the costs and sanctions on online existing platforms that endanger the exercise of the right to education.

**Madam President,**

ODVV welcomes the reports of the Expert Mechanism on the right to development and the Working Group on the Right to Development which call for elimination of UCMs and obstacles on the right to development.

ODVV also, appreciates the attention of the mechanisms to ODVV participation and recommendations on elimination of the effect of UCMs on the right to development.

Echoing the call for lifting all unilateral sanctions, ODVV calls on the above-mentioned mechanisms of the human rights council to study the destructive effects of UCMs on realization and exercise of all human rights including the right to development and offer recommendation on how to stop all UCMs.