

**Item 3: General Debate**

**Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM)s and Extensive Breach of Human Rights**



**Mr. President,**

UCMs spur high inflation and currency depreciation. Economic decline and currency devaluation lead to increase of food and medicine prices to levels significantly above the annual inflation rate (which is common to sanctioned economies), making access to fundamental items difficult for sanctioned populations, especially for the people living in disadvantaged communities, threatening the lives and health of millions of people.

While the challenged access to food and healthcare creates enough complications for deprived communities, lack of equal access to education is yet another serious problem. Under sanctions, even middle-income families see the value of education deprioritized. They are forced to make trade-offs between future lives and current livelihoods.

**Mr. President,**

ODVV expresses concern over the harmful effect of unilateral sanctions on the targeted economies and the likely human rights repercussions. Considering the inefficiency of the repeated calls on the sanctioning countries to lift the illegal unilateral sanctions, ODVV calls on the UN SG to appoint a Special Advisor on UCMs to find ways to prevent the sufferings and the “collective punishment” of civilian populations by unilateral sanctions.