

Item 3: ID with SR on Food

Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM)s and the Right to Food



Mr. President,

ODVV notes with interest the Special Rapporteur's concerns expressed on the negative impact of UCMs on food in the joint statements released by the UN Experts on 7 August 2020 and the reiteration that "Sanctions that were imposed in the name of delivering human rights are in fact killing people and depriving them of fundamental rights, including the rights to health, to food and to life itself."

We also note the confirmation made by the Special Rapporteur on the right to food in the report to the General assembly 76 that economic sanctions are not addressed by the Food Summit while they are among the key concerns affecting the right to food.

In line with the Special Rapporteurs' views on food impact of sanctions and the previous long term worries expressed by ODVV, we condemn the continued harms and threats of Unilateral Coercive Measures on targeted communities and their fundamental right to access sufficient and adequate food.

Mr. President,

ODVV calls on the Special Rapporteur on the right to food to continue joining other thematic mandate holders on raising voice against weaponization of food and offer the Human Rights Council on the possible counter-measures to discourage the sanctioning countries from inhuman abuse of UCMs through destructive effects on fundamental human rights.