

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV)

Item 3: Interactive Dialogue with the UN Special Rapporteur on Unilateral Coercive Measures



Mr. President,

We note the reports submitted to HRC 54 by the SR on UCMs, on the " Impact of unilateral coercive measures on the right to health" and the "Visit to the Syrian Arab Republic".

We also note with interest, the valuable efforts of the UCM mandate and the launch the Sanctions Research Platform as well as the draft tool for Monitoring and assessment of the impact of UCMs and the constant attention of Prof. Douhan on the impact of UCMs on the right to health.

Mr. President,

Considering the fact that patients are the first targets of UCMs, sanctioning countries must immediately lift the illegal UCMs imposed on SWIFT that impede import of essential medicine, necessary medical equipment, medicine raw materials and mobility equipment required by Iranian patients.

Sanctioning countries must avoid economic bullying of international banks, shipping, insurance and pharmaceutical companies that lead to widespread violation of human rights.

We are alarmed that UCMs undermine friendly relations among States, stop national programs to support patients or attain sustainable development goals and make the sanctioned populations question the effectiveness of International Organizations.

We call on the Special Rapporteur on UCMs to continue her noteworthy efforts toward the establishment of a mechanism to provide the millions of UCM victims with adequate, accessible and timely remedy and redress.