

Item 2. General Debate

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence

We Draw the Attention of HC to UCM in Iran



Mr. President,

We note the High Commissioner's promising steps to support people of Qatar against Unilateral Coercive Measures imposed by its Arab neighbors, including the statement made by the HC calling on the sanctioning countries to seek solutions in negotiations and refrain from violation of people's rights as well as, urging the representatives of the sanctioning countries to establish hotlines to monitor the violation of human rights as a result of sanctions.

Such measures are also crucial for human rights of the Iranian people who have been suffering the detrimental effects of UCM on their lives for couple of years. The illegal sanctions imposed unilaterally by US require HRC to assign an inquiry mechanism for US sanctions, similar to the OHCHR Technical Mission to The State of Qatar.

As a NGO, having access to the on-the-ground information, witnessing the effects of sanctions on people's rights especially the right to life and the right to health, the Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV) urges the HC to establish a mechanism to study the effects of sanctions on Human Rights in Iran especially the rights of patients and children.

ODVV urges the Human Rights Council to design a compensation mechanism to address the sufferings of all victims of UCM including the Iranian people. Requiring the sanctioning countries to make financial compensations for the extraterritorial breaches of human rights will definitely affect the existing impunity that the source countries are enjoying.