

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence



Item 3: General Debate

Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM)s Violate the Right to Development

Mr. President

Unilateral sanctions which contravene international law and the Charter of the UN, have had a grievous impact on the enjoyment of the right to development in the sanctioned countries and hold countries back.

UCMs have affected humanitarian SDGs such as the eradication of extreme poverty, achievement of food security, and improved nutrition.

Mr. President,

We call for the lifting of illegal sanctions that impede attainment of the right to development. Tangible and fruitful actions are needed to achieve development goals.

The people of target countries are disproportionately affected by UCMs, and in order to protect these people we call on the Human Rights Council and other relevant UN bodies:

- To monitor the adverse effects of UCMs on the right to development and make an effort to eliminate UCMs, as a collective punishment of innocent civilians, in order to assist sanctioned countries to achieve sustainable development.
- To strengthen the mechanisms to combat unilateral sanctions and facilitate the access of UCM victims to remedy and redress