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including the right to development**

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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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The Negative Impacts of Unilateral Coercive Measures on the Academics and Professional in the Sudan

The government of the United States of America imposed a package of unilateral coercive sanctions which are renewed annually against the Sudan, under the state of national emergency listed in the executive order of the US government No. 13067 since 1997. Under these sanctions US trade and investment movement with the Sudan are restricted.

These sanctions have direct impacts on the entitlement of the economic, social and political rights, the right to development due to the serious consequences that resulted of them, including their impact on development the economic infrastructure, social and professional manpower. Accordingly these sanctions deprived the Sudan from benefiting from the technology in various fields.

This statement focuses on the negative impacts of UCM on the academics and professional in the Sudan. The primary problem of all academics and professional in the Sudan is a professional gap in skills, professional development and practice. This involves various needs and requirements:

- Academic and professional exchanges between USA and Sudanese organizations.
- Professional certification.
- Opening professional examination centers in Sudan in order to reduce the negative impact, hardships and encourage professional developments.
- Professional skills and career developments.
- Affiliation to international professional organizations.
- Transfer of knowledge.
- Access to IT, and specialized software.
- Import of educational, training and research equipment.

Doctors and the Medical Professions “registered 111,805”:

1. Lack of access to training and capacity building in the practice exam in addition to the professional and ethical aspects of medical practice throughout US universities.
2. Non participation in the of training periods in the United States and Canada, which specializes in writing vocational exam questions and includes communication skills and therapeutic for decision - making.
3. Sanctions also created difficulty of transferring and payability of dues scheduled from Sudan to the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authority (IAMRA) based in the United States of America, which include 95 s members as supervisory authorities and Sudan is a member.
4. Sudan is deprived of access to questions of professional exam International Database for Enhanced Assessment and Learning IDEAL) as well as depriving the Sudan from sitting for exams American and European Fellowships inside the Sudan.
5. Sanction resulted in lack of cooperation of the European training centers and American.
6. Failure to provide competent training organs and equipment’s.
7. 7.Non -signature of any protocols with European and American institutions in the field of training.
8. Failure to open international centers in Sudan.
9. Poor capacity of health workers to deal with modern technology the matter that hampers performance quality and development of the profession.
10. Depriving the Sudan of training programs funded by the United States, of America and the Program of the US President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS.

Accordingly the previously mentioned creates an obstacle in the medical and health professions, in the course of all fields, training, qualification, development and promotion of medical and health services fields

Accounting Professions “registered 16,370”

1. Denial of access to the American accounting fellowships which are demanded for work in the global market.
2. Denial of opening training centers and American examination centers in the Sudan, therefore those who have the capability for traveling abroad are compelled to travel to sit for exams.
3. Withdrawal of the Council for Professional Accountants from the membership International Federation.
4. Freezing the British Fellowship which had a joint venture with the Sudanese fellowship.
5. The Accounting and Auditing in the Sudan has become unable to keep pace with the development of the international accounting and auditing standards of the profession.

Engineering Professions “registered 42,518”

1. Denial of electronic programs and everything associated with operation and maintenance technology.
2. Failure, difficulty and high cost of obtaining professional Fellowships in engineering fields, which have become necessary for the engineer to compete for engineering jobs in the world labor market.
3. Denial of importation of laboratories and workshops and original equipment which are considered basics of education and training in the engineering profession.

All the above mentioned negatively impact both the professional Performance and development of the profession and on Performance and capabilities of the Sudanese engineer.

Veterinary professions “registered 9,372”

1. Inability of the veterinarians to perform of the professional exam, passing of this exam is required for practicing the profession of veterinary medicine in many countries which qualifies for the practice of veterinary medicine in the country.
2. Obstruction of participation and attendance of continuous professional training courses abroad.
3. Difficulty of participating in international conferences and workshops that will help in the development of the veterinary profession.
4. Difficulty of maintenance and obtaining the software needed for professional development of veterinary performance and providing veterinary services.
5. Difficulty activating the agreements and memorandums of understanding and cooperation to upgrade the profession of veterinary medicine and veterinary services.
6. Cessation of Exchange of experiences between Sudan and the western world.

Agricultural Professions “registered 7,581”

1. Denial of training opportunities and international seminars due to non - registration fees because of the banking ban.
2. Denial of the subscription in magazines and scientific periodicals due to the difficulty to transfer the subscription fees.
3. Denial of equipment, software , hardware and spare parts manufacturers in the European states and the United States in addition to lack of training on such equipment .

Musical and Artistic Professions “registered 4,233”

1. Dissociation of relations clearly between the Sudan and the rest of the world, especially with Europe and the United States.
2. Drop of the level mutual visits in the field of exhibitions and performing of art and training is in the field of music and acting.
3. Difficulty of obtaining entry visas to the United States, where many visas for musicians and actors were rejected.

Higher Council for Total Quality & Excellence

1. Access to certify total quality & excellence professionals through international organizations such as EFQM and ARICA.
2. Access to grants from international organizations such as MEQA.

The Society Studies Centre (MADA SSC) would like to take this opportunity to call upon Human Rights Council to:

- Keenness in taking the necessary resolutions during the Rapporteurs' mandate and at the times he submits his periodical reports to the Council, including considering preparation of an international convention banning imposition of unilateral coercive measures.
 - Work for creation of a mechanism to evaluate the extent of damage ensued from imposing unilateral coercive measures, in preparation for demanding compensation to affected people and entities.
 - We call upon all countries, international agencies and all activists, human rights' advocates, to stand in solidarity to make a success of the Special Rapporteur's mandate and extend every possible support and assistance to him to address this vital issue.
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