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**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,  
political, economic, social and cultural rights,  
including the right to development**

### **Written statement\* submitted by Pars Non Trading Development Activists Co., a non-governmental organization in special consultative status**

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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\* Issued as received, in the language of submission only.



## **Consequences of Sanctions on People's Right to Access Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation**

Access to safe drinking water and personal hygiene facilities is one of the human rights of all people. This is true both in times of stability and in times of crisis, in all countries of the world. When people, especially girls, women and children, and people with disabilities do not have access to clean water; their health, nutrition, education and other aspects of their lives are negatively affected.

As you know, the Islamic Republic of Iran is exposed to dangerous water shortage crises due to its location in arid and semi-arid regions, in such a way that nearly 6 thousand villages could not benefit from safe drinking water in the past years. For this reason, preparation and related planning to respond to any type of potential water crisis; which can affect the lives of children and their families, especially the most vulnerable, is very important.

The use of drinking water transfer mechanism requires the most complex technologies in the world, which unfortunately has been unilaterally closed to the Islamic Republic of Iran; Also, Also, vast plains in our country are sinking due to lack of water, and agriculture and horticulture are in serious danger of being lost.

Referring to Article 25 of the Charter of Human Rights; the Islamic Republic of Iran's people should have fair access to drinking water and sanitation. We ask international institutions to support the cancellation of the cruel sanctions of the United States of America against the people of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

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