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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 Unilateral Coercive Measures on Afghan Citizens**

Today, millions of Afghan citizens have not seen good days due to years of war and pain, suffering, poverty and insecurity, and to escape their miserable conditions, they were forced to leave their homes. Whenever people are forced to leave their country due to war and occupation, they have the right to be supported. All people who face any form of threat including war, violence, and harassment deserve to be protected. Everyone has the right to be safe.

The people and the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, despite all the economic difficulties caused by unilateral and extraterritorial coercive measures, have always been kind and generous hosts to their Afghan brothers and sisters.

Considering the economic conditions that have occurred in the Islamic Republic of Iran in recent years due to comprehensive sanctions, the conditions of refugees and asylum seekers in the Islamic Republic of Iran are becoming more and more difficult day by day. The people of the Islamic Republic of Iran always consider themselves to be with the Afghans and will support them with all their hearts. As the shadow of sanctions has affected the host society, it has also affected its guests. Therefore, despite these conditions, we request you to provide safe conditions for their lives by trying to create peace and stability in Afghanistan and by removing sanctions, help them to have more access to educational, health, welfare and livelihood facilities.

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