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including the right to development**

Written statement* submitted by Network of Women's Non- governmental Organizations in the Islamic Republic of Iran, 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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The Impact of Unilateral Sanctions on Iranian Women

Sanctions, in addition to many adverse effects on government policies and plans, have direct and indirect adverse effects on Iranian citizens and their right to health. This goes against general and universal principles of Human Rights because poverty, social disruption in service delivery, and food and drug shortage are the result of the sanction, leading to widespread disease and increased mortality. Meanwhile, women and children suffered the most pernicious and disastrous effects of sanctions.

In fact, sanctions against the Islamic Republic of Iran have far more devastating consequences than those of wars. The Communication Network of Women's NGOs in the Islamic Republic of Iran provides information on the consequences of unilateral sanctions against women in the Islamic Republic of Iran:

- It is worth mentioning that sanctions have made Iranian life difficult and challenging, especially for women and children, and have increased social harms such as violence, corruption, family breakdown, and poverty.
- Illegitimate and inhumane sanctions imposed by the United States of America have had serious effects on the financing and implementation of sustainable development programs by the government, civil society, and private sectors with the aim of advancing and empowering women.
- Now is the time to pay more attention to the devastating and debilitating effects of the sanctions on women's empowerment in the Islamic Republic of Iran. Iranian women are now calling on world leaders, the United Nations, and relevant agencies to respect Human Rights as well as women's rights and take effective measures to lift the sanctions.
- In this delicate situation, the support of women's organizations is a suitable strategy to help Iranian women and girls strengthen their abilities while staying healthy.

While appreciating global solidarity for the realization of women's rights, we call on the international community to stand for Iranian's right to life, right to health, right to work, etc. and prevent Iranian women's rights violation. Imposing sanctions on countries should be stopped since it just violates Human Rights.
