

Statement on Human Rights and unilateral Coercive Measures

Let me first thank Professor Ziegler for his thorough and clear presentation of the item. As all of us know, the Committee did not suggest this item, but it came to it directly from the Council. resolution 24/14 requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a research-based report containing recommendations on mechanism to assess the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights and to promote accountability. At the same time this report will be due for the 28th session of the Council (March 2015). We have almost one year to work on the report. It should be noted here that this subject is so controversial between members of the council, and the resolution was voted during the last session. Therefore, it is important to have the views of the Committee does not reflect the same views in the council or the General Assembly. I believe that our independent views should govern the outcome of the Committee.

The resolution also requests the OHCHR to organize, prior to the 27th session, a workshop on the impact of the application of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights by the affected populations, in particular their socioeconomic impact on women and children, in the States targeted, and prepare a report on the proceedings of the workshop and to submit it to the 27th session of the Council (September 2014). Here I wonder if the Committee would have an input or representation in that workshop. I believe that since the subject of the workshop is closely related to the report our Committee is drafting, then there should be some kind of either an input or participation in that workshop.

Thank you.