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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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Economic sanctions as Human Rights violations

Given the adverse consequences of sanctions and the fact, that long-term unilateral coercive measures may result in social problems and raise humanitarian concerns against innocent civilians, including children, we believe that Unilateral Sanctions should be classified as measures that violate human rights.

In May 2018, the United States of America withdrew from the JCPOA and implemented new sanctions against Iran. These and earlier sanctions have had a severe effect on the economy and the health sector, disproportionately impacting the vulnerable portions of the population, including children.

We ask the international community to uphold human rights for Iranians to live in health and free of poverty due to the unfair sanctions.

Money for food, medication, and access to education is much needed, and could make a huge difference in a child's life. We must work at this session to support the Iranian people with humanitarian relief efforts. We must clarify the rules of the sanctions so that food, medicine, and humanitarian goods are accessible for the country and support the right of countries to perform necessary trade.

If there are people who are willing to provide financial assistance, doesn't it make sense to pave the way for them to provide that help via safe and trustworthy financial channels?

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