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for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the
High Commissioner and the Secretary-General**

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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Right to Development as an Undeniable Human Right

In 1986 the "Declaration on the Right to Development" was ratified by the UN General Assembly which deems the right to development as an undeniable human right.

International unilateral sanctions against Iranian people over the recent years have reached an unprecedented intensity, in a way that not only economic activities but all social lives of the people have been affected.

The majority of UN declarations and resolutions stress on realization of human rights. The "Human Rights and Unilateral Coercive Measures resolution" clearly states that trade, blockade, prevention from transactions, and blocking assets are deemed criminal from human rights aspects.

As Mrs. Allena Douan mentioned in her report, delivery of medicines and medical equipment to the Islamic Republic of Iran was "severely undermined" by the effects of sanctions on finance, trade, shipping, insurance, and over-compliance on the part of foreign businesses and suppliers. "These constitute serious impediments to the enjoyment of the right to the highest attainable standard of health by all Iranians."

we believe that for the enjoyment of the right to development a study on the impact of sanctions on the violation of human rights, the prevention of access to development and international information dissemination in this regard, and the expansion of legal frameworks and improvement of existing international mechanisms for the elimination of problems as a result of, are all some of the necessary solutions that the Council must consider.
