

Statement by

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Madam Chair.

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violation of the fundamental principles of international law and the principles set forth within the Charter of the United Nations, continue to inflict immeasurable and egregious harm upon the affected populations, in particular, women and children including in the field of education. As reflected in the relevant documents of the United Nations, such measures, among others, prevent the implementation of joint academic research and exchange programmes, the contribution of scholars to foreign scientific journals, and access to online academic databases.

These unlawful measures which systematically and disproportionately target populations and constitute severe discrimination on the grounds of nationality, violate human rights of innocent people, in particular women and children, *inter alia*, the right to education, the right to benefit from academic research and academic freedoms with the right to development. In the light of the foregoing, we strongly condemn the unilateral coercive measures and, emphasize that all States should and refrain from promulgating and applying such inhuman and unlawful measures. we highlight that this Council should deal with the negative impacts of Unilateral Coercive Measures on population, education, and development.

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