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Explanation of Position

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Mr. Chairperson,

Today, on the last day of the 72nd session of the Executive Committee of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, one should take delight in seeing the EXCOM's 'Conclusions' adopted. Should I? NO. Not that my delegation would be unhappy about what we achieved but because of what we were prevented from achieving.

The EXCOM is failed, once more, to take a simple note of a very bitter fact that unilateral coercive measures are badly affecting the host communities' capacity to protect and that they are pushing humanitarian space to the edge of a serious breakdown.

The United States must be held accountable, and I'm pretty sure they will, sooner or later, for the atrocious consequences of their unilateral coercive measures across the globe. Those who are complicit in such atrocities are equally responsible for the harrowing repercussions of the US' malign policies and actions.

One must be ashamed of claiming to be a fellow human, and take pride in inflicting pain and suffering on the innocent fellow human being.



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Only an arrogant, senseless, brutal mentality thinks and acts like this.

Those who acquiesce in the face of such atrocities for whatever petty reasons or excuses, including those who are responsible to be the voice of the vulnerable, but instead, have chosen to underestimate the negative impacts of unilateral sanctions by reducing them into 'unintended' or 'inadvertent' consequences, are urged to be true to their human conscience and to the human mission they are tasked with.

Mr. Chairman,

Dear colleagues,

I wonder if we deserve to be congratulated for what we agreed on, or be embarrassed for the big hole that we left in the Conclusions. The US' intransigent approach in the EXCOM as supported by those who are complicit in its crimes against humanity due to unjust and unlawful unilateral coercive measures, would not relieve us of our human, moral and legal obligations to continue to voice, loud and clear, the grave injustice that is inflicted upon our people and all others who are affected by unilateral sanctions in one form or another.

I thank you