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**Virtual informal conversation
with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
Ms. Michelle Bachelet
on the current outbreak of COVID-19 and its implications on human rights
around the world**

Questions¹

**raised by Ambassador Vaqif Sadiqov, Permanent Representative of the
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The COVID-19 pandemic has caught almost everybody unprepared. Lack of proper attention by international human rights platforms to economic and social rights and to relevant international cooperation in this important field are among the factors exacerbating the devastating impact of the COVID-19 throughout the world, both in developed and developing countries.

Could you please elaborate on possible measures that need to be taken to foster an environment of solidarity and international cooperation in face of this unprecedented global health crisis, including through introducing adjustments and corrections to the post-pandemic daily work of the Office and HRC?

As it has been widely mentioned in the international press, as well as in High Commissioner's recent statement and those made by some special procedures, unilateral coercive measures are deeply constraining the efforts of affected countries in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Could you please elaborate on human rights aspects of the impact of these measures on global response to the pandemic, in particular on access to medicines, equipment, and other medical materials, as well as on emergency medical cooperation programs?

¹ Peru and Honduras have disassociated themselves from this intervention