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USADI Calls for Immediate Referral of Iran's Nuclear Case to Security Council

In light of the resumption of uranium conversion by Iran's clerical regime at Isfahan nuclear facility, the US Alliance for Democratic Iran calls for a firm stance by the United States and its allies in the European Union against Iran's blatant violation of Paris nuclear agreement.

With the long-expected failure of the EU Big-3's nuclear negotiations to stop Iran from Uranium enrichment permanently, Tehran's breach of its non-proliferation obligations must be reported to the UN Security Council immediately. Diplomatic engagement is an exercise in futility. Even the EU's appeasement package could not dissuade Tehran.

Iran's key nuclear negotiators have openly acknowledged that under the diplomatic cover of nuclear talks with the EU since October 2003, they have had ample opportunity to advance many of their secret nuclear projects and resolve their technological deficiencies.

While it is always desirable to resolve international issues through diplomacy, in case of ideologically-driven rogue regimes, diplomacy turns into appeasement and never works. It is dangerously naïve to assume that if the right amount of incentives were offered, there would be a Libya-like behavioral change in Iran. Having a nuclear arsenal lies at the heart of Iran's survival doctrine as it strives to achieve political and military hegemony in the region in order to fulfill Ayatollah Khomeini's vision for an Islamic Empire. The cause of the nuclear crisis with Iran is not a shortage of "economic incentives"; it is the rogue nature of regime in power.

Iran's theocratic system, with the ultra-conservative faction and Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corp (IRGC) now in full control, is incapable of meeting the political, social and economic demands of the Iranians and its international obligations. It, therefore, seeks to ensure its permanence by cracking down at home, sponsoring terrorism abroad, and developing weapons of mass destruction. The IRGC-engineered presidency of former Guards' commander Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is primarily aimed to counter these existential challenges with even more brutality at home and intransigence abroad.

Iran's nuclear threat, its sponsorship of terror and the danger it poses to its citizens could only be thwarted only when the ruling regime there is replaced by Iranians with a democratic government. Unlike its neighbors to the east and west, Iran has a century-long history of relentless struggle against tyranny and the call for change in Iran goes back more than two decades. We should offer recognition to the Iranian people's movement against the clerical regime.

The sooner we grasp the sheer extent of the destructive and multi-faceted threat Iran poses to the well-being of Iranians and the security and stability in the region, the sooner we will realize that the call by Iranians to unseat the clerical regime must be heeded.

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