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***Iranian Solidarity  
Congress***

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The Honorable Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama,

In your Nowruz celebration address to Iranians, your honest and warm message reflected the human ideals valued by you and the people of the United States. The people of Iran, who have been oppressed in their own country by a repressive regime since the catastrophic events of 1979, greatly appreciate such consideration and expression of kindness from a great nation and its president, and are deeply grateful for it.

Although in response to your kind Nowruz message, other patriotic Iranians from different political organizations have shared their views and opinions, which are mostly in concurrence with what is mentioned in this letter, we deem it necessary to present you with the following important matters, following up on the issues that we mentioned in our previous letter dated January 20th, 2009.

1. "Nowruz", which for millennia has been the Iranian National Day, along with Iran's ancient rituals and culture symbolize the national solidarity, unity and harmony. This National Day stands against everything the rulers of the Islamic Republic believe in. Not only they do not believe in it, but during the past thirty years, this regime has not left the smallest doubt about its intention to eliminate this tradition, and has been using thousands of schemes, pretenses, lures and threats to ban celebrations on that day. Fortunately, thanks to the deep roots of this ancient cultural and historical festival, these efforts have failed.

From the perspective of the regressive and religious rulers of the Islamic Republic, "nation" and "nationalism" differ from their notion of "followers"; and according to Article eleven of this regime's anti-citizen constitution, their goal is the establishment of a worldwide religious empire, which they are pursuing overtly. You extended your best wishes and greetings to the rulers of the Islamic Republic on the occasion of an event (Nowruz), which not only they do not value, but they consider its destruction their duty and mission. To distinguish between the people of Iran and the anti-Iranian leaders of the regime, it would have been appropriate to address your greetings in two segments. This message, which based on the standards of the free world addressed the Iranian people and the rulers of the Islamic Republic as one, dismayed and disappointed the great majority of the people of Iran, who according to numerous surveys and polls oppose this regime.

2. Human rights, which were the main issue in the 1970's presidential campaign, remained altogether absent in your message, as if the phrase "human rights" does not exist in the political and diplomatic

terminology. This, despite the fact that the United Nations has condemned violations of human rights by the Islamic Republic on numerous resolutions. The Islamic Republic understands and infers your silence in regards to the human rights issue as an indirect endorsement of the free world for its practice of inhuman treatment; murdering, torturing and harming prisoners; chain murders; retaliation; stoning; mass murdering of prisoners; executions without trials; assassination of members and leaders of opposition groups, and political and military personalities inside and outside of the country. The Islamic Republic took power on the premise of fundamentalist ideas led by Khomeini, and as a result of the great deception of the people of Iran and the free world, and today represents the greatest challenge that threatens the modern Western civilizations and the free world. When Khomeini was reminded about the false promises that he made while he was in France, he replied: "I lied" -- meaning that based on my religious obligation to establish an Islamic regime, I lied to deceive people around the world and all Muslims, in order to reach my goal.

3. Statesmen and advisors who believe in a flexible approach, and pursue tolerance, engagement, and negotiations with the Islamic Republic, thinking that in the long term this will improve the behavior of the regime, are making a serious mistake and they are unaware of the documented strategy of the Islamic Republic and its deceptive and treacherous activities. They consider the idea of the leadership of a revolutionary religious empire to be preposterous and laughable, and dismiss the issue. But the situation is much more serious than they realize. They do not know about the existence of large suicide terrorist organizations in some Iranian cities. If they consider that Khomeini said during the first anniversary of the revolution: "we must export our revolution to all the Islamic territories and to the world at all costs," they will not doubt the long-term goals of the regime to establish a religious extremist empire. The inability and powerlessness of the international community during the hostage-taking crisis of the American diplomats and the manifest disregard by the leaders of the regime of the United Nations resolution 457, dated December 4th, 1979 in relation to occupying the American embassy and hostage-taking, taught the clerics that as long as the international community's response is limited to inaction and weakness, nothing could endanger their government, and that they could easily violate international standards and take world peace as hostage; and that's the reason Khomeini said: "America cannot do a damn thing." The mullah slogans about hostility to the free world are not concealed -- they explicitly say: "we confront and we are at war with the infidels." They chant "Death to America," and the president of the regime with the aspiration of becoming a "nuclear power", talks about wiping Israel off the map and predicts the destruction of America.

The experts who believe that with the policy of appeasement and negotiations, the Islamic Republic will abandon the scheme of exporting the revolution and claiming the leadership of religious empire in the region and the world, promoting instability in the Middle East, training military and paramilitary groups, providing assistance to terrorists in Lebanon and Palestine, are seriously mistaken; because the ideology of fundamentalism and the ideology of modernity are not compatible. If the policy of tolerance and appeasement reaches a point where an armed "suicide bomber" finds his way to the White House, it would be too late to rectify the past mistakes and blunders.

4. The assessment of the experts from the Western countries of the outcome and impact of the sanctions is not realistic. Because the leaders of the regime, who are inspired by Khomeini's belief that "the economy is for donkeys" and "we did not have a revolution for melons," consider economic growth and the increase of gross domestic product as an earthly matter and therefore in contrast with their fundamentalism and religious beliefs. In the past thirty years, through underground schemes such as semi-public large charitable institutions and hundreds of non-governmental organizations, large opaque networks of credit markets, fictitious banks, charitable funds, and mutual investments in 45 different

countries around the world, which are allowed to proceed with any kind of financial transaction and investment, continue doing business as usual with the world market and even the United States, and laugh at the sanctions approved by the U.N. Security Council. (For instance, as reported by the U.S. Justice Department, Mac Aviation Ltd. purchased 17 helicopter engines worth USD 4.27 million from Rolls Royce Company in Indiana and routed them through third countries, including the United Arab Emirates and Malaysia to Iran.)

The economic sanctions, which were ratified after political deliberations and concessions to the U.N. Security Council members, have not been implemented by various countries; most members who voted for their implementations multiplied their trade with Iran in the corridors of the very building of the United Nations, after they left the Security Council meeting.

Banks authorized to conduct international financial activities, in which the Islamic Republic holds investments, illegally and against their international commitments, transfer sums of money to open credit lines for the regime, and by doing so, ignore legal procedures. One example is the Lloyds Bank of London, which had to pay a 350 million-dollar penalty for violations of the sanctions laws.

5. The excessively gentle tone of your Nowruz message to the leaders of the regime on the one hand gave the supreme leader a reason to deliberately replace “people of Iran” with “leaders of Iran”, and on the other hand, he brazenly issued a laundry list of complaints against the United States, arguing that:
  - The United States has taken actions against the interests of the Islamic Republic. But he does not mention that the regime has worked with international terrorist groups to kill hundreds of American civilians and soldiers, and other innocent people; and the fact that in 1979 the regime took American diplomats in Tehran hostage, unprecedented in the history of diplomacy in the civilized world.
  - The United States gave Iraq the green light to attack Iran. But he does not mention that Khomeini used the slogan “the way to Jerusalem goes through Karbala,” and he declared his intention to export the revolution to all the Muslim countries around the world, thus paving the road to war.
  
6. The mullah regime takes advantage of the discrepancies in the statements issued by your advisors and other political leaders in the international community. The following are some examples of such conflicting statements:
  - a) Dennis Blair, U.S. Director of National Intelligence told the Congress that, in his opinion, “Iran has not produced the highly enriched uranium necessary for a nuclear weapon and has not decided to do so”. However, two weeks prior to this statement, Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff had said that “Iran has enough fissile material for a nuclear weapon.”
  - b) The Russian Foreign Ministry says: “there is no proof that Iran is trying to develop nuclear weapon.” Andrei Nesterenko, spokesman for the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, tells an IRNA reporter in Moscow that “Russia will not give up its constructive and positive cooperation with the Islamic Republic for political deals with the U.S.”
  - c) Vice President Joe Biden believes that we should “reconcile to a nuclear Iran”.
  - d) Lieutenant General Brent Scowcroft, former National Security Advisor to President George H. W. Bush, says: “the United States must accept Iran’s regional role and deal with its security concerns.”

- e) Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in a friendly tone invites the Islamic Republic to participate in the international Conference on Afghanistan, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands gladly announces that the regime has accepted to attend this conference.
  - f) In an interview with Charlie Rose, Zbigniew Brzezinski said that a nuclear Iran while preventing its access to nuclear weapons is acceptable.
  - g) Despite your praise for Iran's history and cultural impact and influence on the progress of the human civilization, Mrs. Clinton appointed Dennis Ross as the "Special Advisor for The Gulf and Southwest Asia." It is unclear whether this appointment was for the "Gulf of Mexico," "Gulf of Aden," or "Gulf of ...", but considering what follows (... and Southwest Asia), it seems that the Gulf, is actually the eternal "Persian Gulf." The omission of the word Persian from the "Persian Gulf" in this nomination title implies denial of historical facts, which deeply offends the people of Iran and creates major problems in the region.
7. We have to remember that when fascism was taking roots before World War II, Neville Chamberlain from the West and Stalin from the East met with Hitler and presented him with incentives and unusually large inducements (a grand bargain). As a result, Hitler grew stronger and more arrogant and aggressive, and he started his worldwide bloody conquest.

Mr. President,

These criminals, perpetrators of acts of terrorism, and supporters of terrorist groups are not worthy of a serious dialogue and attainment of an agreement in principle. Because logical and thoughtful dialogue is possible with civilized individuals and people of the 21st century; not the mullahs who could not be further from today's modern world. Undoubtedly if the mullahs come to the negotiating table with the United States, they will use the same schemes, tricks and deception that they have used in their dialogue with the Europeans for years, and by nature they will never admit their mistakes.

It's important to remember that the same day Ahmadinejad sent you a congratulatory message after your election as the President of the United States, he ordered the closing of schools and invited the students to participate in a ceremony to burn the American flag in front of the former U.S. embassy in Tehran.

Conclusion:

All prospects for a change in the current situation are not dark. The mullah regime is fragile and hollow from the inside. Not only does it not have the support of the people, but these days Iranian society faces a crisis, and the hatred of the enlightened population in the cities for the regime, including some workers, employees, students, women, teachers, unions, and others against the existing regime has increased, and unrest all around the country among ethnic and religious minorities is widespread. The economic downturn despite the unprecedented increase in oil revenues during the past years, as a result of the regime's incompetent policies, has darkened the prospect of an improvement and resulted in the closing of many factories, layoffs of workers, and the movement of capital out of Iran. In such circumstances, Ahmadinejad's frequent verbal threats about the regime "joining the nuclear club", or the theatrical performance of uranium "yellow cake" or the unrealistic progress claims in building and introducing all kinds of military weapons, is the grotesque exploitation by Khomeini's heirs of schemes of deception and religious dissimulation. Since it is impossible to backtrack the path the leaders of the Islamic Republic have traveled for the past thirty years, the only remaining way to fence in the mullah regime, and prevent the increasing spread of fundamentalism and improve world security, is to seize the opportunity and replace the illegitimate regime with a democratic

government. This change must not, and cannot be done by the European Union, Israel, or America. Only the Iranian people can achieve this change with the moral and political support of the free world, particularly the United States. The people of Iran do not expect, nor do they request any financial support from the Western world and above all the United States. However, they do expect support for their movement to free Iranians from the tyranny of the Islamic Republic. Pro-democracy Iranians seek freedom and human rights.

Despite the mullah regime's brutal campaign against pro-democracy activists, many Iranians inside and outside Iran continue the efforts to bring freedom and democracy to Iran. Just as dozens of other countries have transitioned to democracy in the past twenty years, Iranians can replace the mullah regime with a democratic government, and the process will be much faster with active international support. A democratic Iran will be an important factor in peace and security of the region and the world.

The Iranian Solidarity Congress would like to renew its request (subject of our letter dated January 20th, 2009) and would like to propose, if you agree, that you meet with representatives of our Congress to get acquainted with the structure, programs, goals, and advisory opinions of this Congress, to discuss and analyze the efforts of pro-democracy Iranians to establish a secular and democratic government and the restoration of their stolen historical rights and the people's right to govern which were violated in 1979, and to rescue the world from this great menace.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Nasre Esfahani". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each name being capitalized and prominent.

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