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Introduction

Present turmoil across the globe has negatively affected political and economic well-being of all citizens, either in the free world, or others. Ukraine's invasion and destruction by Russian forces has added to such unfortunate situation. Prosperity and continues security for all nations can be achieved, once the destructive and disturbing forces are strategically neutralized in any society.

Aggression of Russian political and economic means across the globe, which is fueled by terrorism exerted by their proxies, such as Islamic regime of Iran, are one of the main sources of disturbance and instability we all are facing in today's political environment. Shortage of fuel and other commodities in certain countries, which are causing social unrests and instability, can be attributed to such elements.

In this briefing, it is intended to present a workable and practical solution to remedy such short comings to deliver a prolonged stability, security and economic prosperity for the nations concerned.

Political Situation

Expansionist policies of Russian government, threatening democracies across Europe, and their influence-building across the Persian Gulf, to be able to have control over the energy supply of the region, which affects the economy of the free world, are dominant factors that are major concerns of all affected nations. This threat is being strengthened by terrorist activities of Islamic regime in Iran, as we all witnessed in the past few weeks, helping their Russian partner in destruction of Ukrainian cities. Political turmoil in Lebanon, Yemen, Syria, Iraq, and even in Afghanistan, which are conducted by terrorist activities of Islamic regime, has produced instability across the region, hindering any economic development towards stability. Economic hardship and suppression of people in Iran by the ruling Islamic regime during the past forty three years have caused the unrests, protests, and mass strikes across the country, in spite of all the brutalities, tortures, and murder of unarmed citizens being practiced by the Islamic regime. Behavior of Islamic regime have forced the people to revolt against it, and are demanding a major and fundamental changes in political spectrum in Iran. It is the strong desire and objective of Iranian nation to have a secular democratic form of governance in the country; a democratic nation does not need nuclear arsenal, or exercise the acts of terrorism to advance its desires. Stability of the Middle East, which is the desire of all democratic nations could be achieved once the terrorist activities of Islamists are stopped.

Background Information

Moslem extremist groups such as Moslem Brotherhood, which were formed in the Middle East (Egypt) early in 20th Century, had extended an active arm in Iran, called Fedayeen Islam. This group conducted all acts of terrorism in Iran since World War I, assassinating many political figures and eventually orchestrated Islamic regime's rule over the Iranian people, headed by Mr. R. Khomeini in the country. Behavior of such a governing body in the country is expressed as follows:

Facts about the Islamic Regime's Record on Freedom & Human Rights

- **On Revolution, Religion and Rights**

Since the upheaval of 1979, clerics have established an “Islamic Republic” based on the anti-democratic principle of Velayat-e-Faqih, or “absolute guardianship of *Jurisconsult*”, which is a totalitarian and autocratic form of governance. The clerics insist that this guardianship is necessary to guide the Iranian people towards justice and virtue defined in Islamic shariah. The clerics claim a monopoly on the right to interpret Islamic texts. In the devastating result, and in the name of Islam, the Islamic government has violated the Iranian People's human rights for more than four decades.

- **On the Rights to Free Association and Expression**

The clerics have banned associations, parties, press and unions, except those pledging to support the principles of Velayat-e-Faqih. The Ministry of Information and Security monitors the activities of individuals and groups it suspects may threaten clerical supremacy. The government has even impeded efforts by artists, lawyers, physicians and writers to form professional associations. As a result, those articulating views outside the state-sanctioned Islamic discourse do so at their peril. During the past few years, numerous intellectuals, writers, students have been murdered, while others have disappeared mysteriously. Among them were recent activists such as Satar Beheshti, Neda Aghasoltan, Mehsa Amini and many other victims who had participated in demonstrations against the Islamic regime, and faced tortures and death. Consequently, these brutalities and murders provoked the loudest public outcry in Iran and around the world. The murder of Forouhars, and Dr. Shahpour Bakhtiar, ex-prime minister of Iran prior to Islamists takeover, among the prominent opposition leaders, for example, who were stalked for weeks, stabbed to death on 22 November 1998, and August 1991 respectively. In the aftermath of the crimes, the Islamist rulers declared that...“a few official agents within its own Ministry of Information and Intelligence, were directly involved in planning and execution of these murders”. Yet, no one has been officially charged or indicted for the crimes, and the suspected murderers were freed after the embarrassing parliamentary sham elections of 2002!

- **On the Rights of Religious Minorities**

Meanwhile, the Islamic Regime has harassed Iran's Christian, Bahai and Jewish minorities. Besides desecrating their holy sites, the government inhibits their religious gatherings as well as their travel outside the country, or attending schooling. These groups are routinely, and continuously have been accused of being agents of the Western powers and Israel, despite their historical roots in the Persian plateau and surrounding areas. Iran's Bahai's in particular have encountered the worst. Persecuted as heretics, the clerics have confiscated their properties, arrested them on groundless charges, deprived them of higher education and killed them over decades in large numbers. Consequently, most Bahai's have fled Iran; those staying in Iran live in constant fear.

- **On the Rights of Ethnic Minorities**

The clerics have obscured Iran's ethnic-cultural and linguistic diversity, justifying their claim that the majority of Iranians are Muslims first and foremost. The central government has used force to quell ethnic unrest in different parts of the country, namely Sistan and Baluchistan, Khuzistan, and Kurdistan provinces. Not coincidentally, many residents in these provinces are Sunni Muslims, while most Iranians are Shi'as. The clerics have subjected these minorities to religious re-education, “Shi'asing” them and even destroying their mosques.

- **On the Form of Government**

Iran is ruled by three separate form or apparatus of governance. A supreme leader and his own shadow-cabinet that are actively pursuing all subversive activities across the globe, and conducting secret negotiations, or making “Deals” with foreign powers in secret, or reject any agreement its façade government might arrange. Then, there is a corrupt judiciary system with their own independent rulings and financial dealings! And lastly, a puppet government to serve as a front or window dressing towards the world community, with no real power to govern, financially or otherwise.

- **On the Rights of Women**

The clerics have forcibly veiled Iranian women, while denying them access to unilateral divorce, sole custody of their children, higher education in certain fields, professions, and legal resources through the system. In addition, Iran’s Parliament has signed into law legislation to segregate hospitals along gender lines and to forbid female unveiled images from appearing in prints!

During the past forty-three years, many women have been stoned to death for adultery charges, a medieval law practiced regularly by the Islamic regime of Iran. State sanctioned patriarchy has filtered into the Iranian society at large, as witnessed by the government attacks on universities to silence the students, male or female alike. Islamic Vigilantes claiming to protect the government interests beat these students, stripped off their clothes and took them into the center of the city to hurl insults at them publicly. The initial government response to such incidents are to hide them from the domestic and international press.

- **On the Rights to Subsistence and Socio-economic Development**

With the population hovering over 85 million and almost 58 percent of that being under the age of 30, the Iranian people are experiencing high rate of unemployment and inflation rates of 38 and 45 percent, respectively. Despite of promises to its citizens, the ruling clerics have failed to diversify Iran’s economy, which remains primarily dependent on oil exports and is thus vulnerable to vagaries of the global market.

- **On Fear, Faith and Freedom**

In short, **INLF** actively continues to alert the international community to the Islamic Republic’s human rights violations. The Islamic regime’s rule is based more on fear from the state’s coercive apparatus than on faith they profess. The clerics have been using faith to justify their inhumane behaviors that violates both the spirit of Islam and established international human rights values. Despite their economic woes and isolation in the world, the Iranian people - Muslim or non-Muslims, or ethnic minorities, women or men, poor or wealthy - know that they are entitled to pursue human dignity and live in freedom. The international community must recognize that Iranian people are striving to vindicate their human rights, and they need every assistance towards achieving their ultimate goal, which is freedom.

Iranian Political Renaissance

For the past two hundred years, Iranian people have been trying to establish a democratic form of governance in Iran. Although the Constitutionalist movement of early twentieth century resulted in a major change, unfortunately, it was manipulated with interference of Islamists in political structure of the country. As a result, in recent years, as we have witnessed the uprising and mass protests of people across the country, against the rule of clerics and totalitarianism. These events,

followed with vast national strikes we are witnessing today in Iranian society, have created mass mobilization of Iranians within the country and abroad, among all sectors of the society - students, women, armed forces, workers and employees in a united front alike. It is the indication that Iranian people are passing through a Political Renaissance in the society for a major change – separation of religion from political establishment. This movement cannot be diverted or stopped; Iranian society has been waiting and struggling for such a fundamental change well over a century! The major fundamental changes Iranian society is pursuing today are along cultural, social, economic and political arena.

To combat the totalitarian regime of Iran, a unified coalition of a few opposition forces, believing in common goals and objectives for the country were foreseen and established in 2009. No single political entity alone is capable of confronting the Islamists and deliver a democratic infrastructure for the country. A united common front to guide and organize a cohesive collaborative coalition between the political groups and organizations in their resistance against Islamic regime was necessary. Hence, **Iran National Liberation Front (INLF)** was formed, comprising of a few national democratic forces with common goals, to establish a road map to combat Islamic regime and lead the nation to victory, prepare necessary planning to remedy the short-comings of the regime, and assist in organizing a common platform of coalition among the democratic groups for resistance movement and possible change of the political structure in Iran. **INLF** was formally registered on January of 2018 in Canada. **INLF** is manned by a few political leaders and many experts in different disciplines, organized in different sectors, with individuals who are residing in Iran, and abroad.

Outcome Objectives

Population of Iran being about 85 million inhabitants, with over 60% under the age of 40 years, not experienced the upheaval of 1979, are young and dedicated individuals with aspiration for modern management style of governing bodies to participate in, in order to be able to control their own destiny, and enjoying all available resources at global level. They need peace, security and stability to enjoy along the rest of the world towards prosperity and democratic society that they deserve. However, political and economic influence of foreign countries, especially Russian and Chinese governments and their military might that are meddling in all affairs of Iran cannot be tolerated by the nation.

The majority of qualified Iranians (over 90%), in the latest sham election of 2000 that was conducted by the Islamist in the country, indicated that the ruling Islamic regime has no legitimacy to represent the nation, and is regarded as an **illegal regime**. People are demanding:

a - Complete removal of Islamic regime from power, either peacefully or by force, and substituting it with a national secular democratic form of governance, without any buts, ifs, or reformist agenda.

b - The Renaissance Movement in Iran is to deliver freedom, respect for human rights, and forward looking agenda in the society, which is led by women, men and students across the country. In this movement, industrial workers, educators, merchants, employees, women, young students and groups from armed forces and security elites have joined to this historical revolution.

c - A democratic Iran can and will be a genuine partner with the free world to participate and contribute towards establishing a sustainable peace and development projects in the region.

Political stability in the region, without acts of terrorism, will allow all interested parties, European, the United States, as well as regional countries to participate in political and economic development projects; furthering prosperity to all parties. Under such circumstances, an independent sovereign Iran can prevent Russia or China to establish any bases in the Persian Gulf and access to vital energy resources of the region.

A prime objective of a democratic system of government in Iran would be to establish a regional common market in cooperation with Israel and other partners as listed herein. This program will eliminate any hostilities between the regional nations, provide security and political stability for the benefit of all participants to prosper:

A Peace Conference on the Middle East

Facts: Without terminating the terrorist activities of Islamic regime of Iran, a sustainable peace cannot be achieved in the Middle East. Stopping the turmoil, creating political stability, peace and prosperity in the region can be achieved under the following conditions:

win - win for all parties – Removal of Islamic Regime in Iran.

Participants: EU, UN, USA, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Democratic Iran, Israel, Turkey, Jordan, & Palestine

To form a Middle East Common Market

What Iran Gets:	What Israel Needs to do:	What US & EU Get:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Elections, leading to a Democratic Government • Indian Type of Deal on Nuclear Energy • Provide Security & Stability in Afghanistan, Iraq & Lebanon in cooperation with Saudi Arabia. • Freedom of All Political Prisoners • Freedom of Press in Iran 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in a local Common Market with nations involved in the peace process • Free all Political Prisoners (Palestinian & Lebanese) • Recognize Free Independent Palestine within the proposed Common Market 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stable Region & economic opportunities, from Afghanistan to Mediterranean • Stop Russian & Chinese influence in the region • Dismantled Hezbollah Forces, neutralize Hamas

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Benefits of the Free World

Upon restoration of a democratic government in Iran, with mass participation of responsible Iranian citizens in all aspects of governmental operation and planning, the following measures will be enforced:

- 1 - All research, development and operations on manufacturing of WMD will be terminated*
- 2 - All clandestine military operations and support of Islamic regime in any foreign country will be terminated.*
- 3 – A consortium partnership between Iran, EU and the US will be formed to invest and transport necessary energy requirement to Europe.*



This proposed pipeline will consist of a fuel oil line, plus a gas line through Mediterranean waters directly to Europe. Partnership of EU, the U.S. and local producers on exploration, production and delivery system of the necessary fuel will ensure a long term and stable political environment in the region for the benefit of all.

Setup of a Democratic Government

Iranian society is determined to setup a system of governance in Iran, based on the rule of democratic laws, and observation of principles of human rights for all. Continued participation of people in their social, political, economic affairs, and constant monitoring of events with free press to evaluate the performance of governing bodies would be a norm in the country to safeguard the destiny of the nation.

A parliamentary system of government, with participation of all qualified Iranians in free elections to elect their representatives, with complete separation of any religion from government is mandated by the people. Having a strong, independent and modern judicial system to be able to curb corruption and terminate criminal activities in the society are the objectives of the nation who has been protesting and sacrificing their lives to achieve such an environment. The following is a brief outline of basic principles that are planned for a new modern constitution of Iran:

- (a) *Honoring basic principles of Human Rights and values, dignity and freedom for all living in Iran*
- (b) *The country would be governed by the people, for the people, and the government is an instrument to serve the people*
- (c) *Government is independent of any religion – total separation of religion and state.*
- (d) *National common voters' role, through regular elections, and multi-party system in a parliamentary democratic form of governance.*
- (e) *No political prisoner or prisoner of conscience is allowed to exist under the law.*

- (f) *Capital punishment is banned in the country*
- (g) *The structure of new democratic government is composed of three independent branches: Legislative Parliament, Judiciary, and Executive, with Public Media Council, which will oversee the quality of Press, under the Legislative Parliament.*
- (h) *Armed forces will be independent of the executive branch of government, headed with a civilian minister in the cabinet and they will not be allowed to interfere in the operation of the government in any form.*

A decentralized management system, with locally elected officials and policing system is planned for the democratic form of government to restore confidence and security in the country. Support for FATF and observance of international financial order would be the goal of the democratic government in Iran. In order to avoid any possible coup by the government, or excreting any suppression in the country, the armed forces are not planned to function under the government; armed forces with the mandate to safeguard the integrity of the country, are managed by an independent supervisory body, which is reflected in a new constitution for Iran.

Transitional Period

National uprising of Iranian people being manifested by continuous protests and populous strikes by all sectors of the society can lead to collapse of the Islamic regime. However, society deserves to have preliminary plans and remedies for all short-comings of the Islamists to ensure a workable and tranquil transition of power. Therefore, a team of dedicated and expert Iranians, mostly residing in Iran, from all walks of life – women, young graduates, a few individuals from armed forces, and many experienced, yet dedicated citizens, or expert technocrats in different disciplines are invited to form a temporary team to govern the country in the transitional phase, provide secure and free environment for the society to be able to conduct a constitutional assembly to select the most advanced form of governance for a democratic government.

In this period, which is called “Transitional Period” that is estimated to last 9 to 10 months, the governing body, which is composed of individuals without consideration on their political beliefs, or associations with any political group, are mandated to focus on resolving immediate short-comings of the society, such as inflation, providing the necessary commodities of public need at lowest possible prices, curbing corruption, terrorism, and job creation. Establishing strong judicial system, national police forces and integration of all armed groups in a united national army will restore a secure environment for the population to enjoy and prosper. Political parties can be formed and become active in such an environment, delivering their doctrine to the society freely, in preparation for the national election. Necessary governing rules of law for the land are drafted in this period. It is expected and planned to have a governing body, composed of members from democratic national political groups in a united team to engage in delivery of mandated tasks for the people. Short-comings of the country are so vast that such a united team needs to act as a united front for sometimes, without preference or any obligation to any political grouping to combat immediate issues of the country. This arrangement, with the help of dedicated participants, can serve their best in contributing to the establishment of strong fundamental pillars of democracy, and political as well as economic infrastructure in the country.

Management Team

Iran National Liberation Front, with support of a few active democratic national political organizations, has organized a team of experts in different fields to deliver the mandated objectives of the nation. They are mostly from young professionals, women and men alike within Iran who

have been engaged in recent uprisings and freedom movement, and a few professionals from abroad. Their names will be announced under a secure environment! Among the supporting political entities that are active members of this affiliation, one can name:

Royal Council of Iran (UK); Voice of Iranian Nation (Sweden); National Iranian Freedom Movement (NIFM-UK); Nahal Solidarity Movement (UK); Iran Secular Democratic Party (Germany); Pan-Iranist Organization - Abroad; Coalition of Cyrus Force Movement (USA)

The role of **INLF**, which would be guiding the temporary government in implementing the necessary measures in response to the people's requirements during the transitional period, would be terminated as soon as a national democratic government is elected to power upon a free election, based on the mandated measures adopted by the Constitutional assembly.

Support for the Change

Iranian people, over the past forty three years have been struggling to establish freedom in the country, and proving to the world community that Islamic regime, which is ruling over Iran, is a terrorist gang supporting all turmoil and political unrests in the Middle East. By statewide suppression and murdering of its own innocent citizens over decades, Islamic regime has lost its legitimacy to govern, and is not representing the nation. Iranian people have declared this regime as an illegal ruling entity. The present uprising of Iranian nation, evidenced in their protest marches and general strikes being conducted all over the country, is a manifestation of their quest to restore democracy in the country by establishing a democratic form of governance in the country. A democratic form of government in Iran will restore a sustainable peace in the region, which would be to the best interests of the free world, and will create great opportunities for all interested participants, local, European, or the U.S. partners alike, to engage in many economic and development projects that would bring prosperity and stability to all. Fundamental change of political system in Iran, will ensure future and long-term benefits for Europe, the U.S. and the free world. However, any attempt by any nation to preserve or cause to prolong the rule of Islamic regime, or implant their reformist agents in Iran, which would be against the objectives of the nation, cannot be ignored or tolerated by the Iranian nation.

INLF, as a coalition of a few democratic political groups opposing the Islamic regime, is seeking the peace loving countries of the world community, especially the European nations to take a holistic view at their political spectrum, deciding on their long-term interests in relation to Islamic regime, by adopting the following measures, which would be beneficial for the future of their own societies, and will provide support to Iranian people in their quest to restore democracy in Iran and terminate all state terrorism exercised by the Islamic regime:

- 1 - We request all European governments to recall their representatives from the existing illegal regime ruling over the Iranian nation, and not to give refuge to the Islamic regime's representatives, agents or their families alike.*
- 2 - Any negotiations, deals or agreements, political or economic, open or secret, with the existing illegitimate and terrorist Islamic regime ruling in Iran will not only give credibility to this regime, but it will be in defiance of the majority of Iranian people, and it will prolong Islamic regime's brutalities against masses and power-grip on the nation, and is therefore, condemned and declared VOID by Iranian people.*
- 3 - To assist the Iranians in their just quest to conduct a free election under the observation of an International authority, to establish a law abiding form of governance in Iran.*
- 4 - Allow INLF to use the Iranian assets blocked by different countries as collaterals to issue National Bonds to assist suffering people, in relieving their economic hardships in Iran.*