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His Excellency Mohammad Khazaei,

With great respect, thank you for taking this moment. I wish to encourage a vital negotiation strategy (attached below), which I believe to be a profound opportunity for Iran to not only turn around the current crisis with the nuclear issue but lead the world forward.

No one is as well situated as Iran to implore all nations with nuclear arms to come to the table now, for serious discussion and verifiable follow-up in reducing the world's critical and growing nuclear threat.

With President Obama's Administration, this initiative by Iran would be welcomed and a great help in stemming our own militarism. The mutual benefits of Iran to coming forth with this boldness, this wisdom in action, are immeasurable for all in the world.

Such a negotiation would be a turning point recognized by future generations. There are millions of us, in Iran and around the world, with similar hopes and vision, waiting for such leadership to emerge, to reflect the highest of our character. "Yes, we can." That is the phrase each one of us can own today. Yes, I do believe under all present circumstances, the opportune time for this is now.

Most sincerely,

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Suggested Statement FROM Iran to the Nuclear Powers:

We implore you, the nuclear countries, namely the US, UK, China, Pakistan, India, Russia, France, Israel, South Africa (worthy example of destroying their nuclear weapons. ?), to come to the table earnestly, in good faith. We ask you at least to begin this process in some significant way by the solemn anniversary August 6th, in honor of those innocents killed and maimed, and in honor of all now living, and our children yet to be born.

To be very clear, Iran has every right to continue vital scientific research of this technology, both for our betterment and that of humankind. Should we decide, we also have every right to make nuclear weapons. No nation has the right to tell us or any other what to do, especially with the current example each of you have been setting (namely the US, China and Russia). International law must be all abiding and not rigged to favor only those with such weapons. Again, let us gather in utmost seriousness.

We ask: What has happened to all the brave and sensible initiatives of the past? Why have the nuclear countries quietly returned back to a clandestine race for the most, the newest, deadliest, costliest nuclear weapons?

Iran lives on the ground where civilization began. This challenge is a critical test of civilizations highest abilities, character, and our very survival. Can we gather again, for all civilizations sake? Yes, we can.

Albert Einstein tried to make his work clear to us: "Nuclear power changes everything save our modes of thinking, thus we drift into unparalleled catastrophe." He called upon us to educate ourselves, raise our awareness acutely, and be responsible.

We remember the great relief around the world world when President Mikhail Gorbachev took exceptional daring and risk within his own government and met with the US to reverse the arms race, and begin the process of mutual nuclear disarmament. Warning about the unprecedented dangers of nuclear weapons, it became clear to him. "Models made by Russian and American scientists showed that a nuclear war would result in a nuclear winter that would be extremely destructive to all life on Earth; the knowledge of that was a great stimulus to us, to people of honor and morality, to act." These weapons are much more deadly today.

We remember the decades from the 1960's throughout the 1980's when millions of individuals, and thousands of organizations of courageous scientists, teachers, religious leaders, and doctors from East and West broke ranks and joined forces, who crossed national interests to end the madness of mutual destruction. They marched in the streets. Around the world they formed human chains connecting their states. They held candle light vigils, and signed petition after petition, where they could, went to the voting booths, wrote books, took on objective studies. Many risked their livelihood and positions, some went to jail, and some gave their lives so we would move in the right direction and have a more nuclear responsible world, one free of nuclear threat, and annihilation.

We know a nuclear bomb can never destroy an enemy. Just one release will destroy a large part of ourselves, far beyond our ability to truly comprehend. Having visited any hospital's burn unit, especially for children, we know the agony is absolutely interminable and immeasurable. We simply are not thinking, not using the great gift given humanity, our mind, Spirit and reason.

As we initiated and promoted the "Year of Dialogue" in 2001, Iran believes there are better ways for nations to insure security. We understand the threat North Korea poses. As a world community we wish to support solutions together.

A great side benefit of addressing this issue will be to help all the other global challenges we face. In our global economic crisis especially, this initiative can begin to transform the vast resources and finances spent on these stockpiled, never to be used weapons toward jobs and industries which bolster true human security. Inappropriate amounts of your budgets are going to these armaments, full speed ahead, instead of desperately needed research and jobs for the betterment of humanity, education, common health care, and innovative energy.

As the great Western thinker Goethe summoned over 200 years ago, “Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, magic and power in it. Begin it now.”

In support, and gratitude,

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