The Path to a Free and Democratic Iran

Global Support for Maryam Rajavi's Ten-Point Plan





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Editor's note:

Global Solidarity: Embracing Maryam Rajavi's Ten-Point Plan for Iran's Future

The nationwide protests in Iran, which commenced in September 2022, have fundamentally altered the country's political landscape. These demonstrations represent a pivotal moment in Iran's history, signaling that there can be no return to the previous status quo. A novel balance of power has emerged, and a growing consensus within policy circles indicates that the current regime is facing an existential crisis. It appears incapable of providing solutions to the problems plaguing it, thus threatening its very existence, despite its desperate attempts to retain control.

As a result, the critical question of what will succeed the current regime has moved to the forefront of discussions. In this context, it is essential to examine the program proposed by the opposition. Furthermore, it is crucial to determine what measures will be necessary to guarantee the successful implementation of this program once the regime has been overthrown. Her plan, which was first announced at the Council of Europe in 2006, has garnered an unprecedented level of support from around the world, reflecting a shared vision for a peaceful, prosperous, and democratic Iran.

In 2006, at the Council of Europe, Mrs. Rajavi, the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI), unveiled her Ten-point Plan for Iran's future. This comprehensive blueprint envisions a peaceful, prosperous, and democratic nation, resonating with Iranians across various societal backgrounds. Consequently, it has garnered widespread support from diverse segments of the Iranian population.

The Ten-Point Plan, a blueprint for Iran's future, is built upon the pillars of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law within a secular and democratic republic. Besides its core principles, the plan exhibits several notable features:

- The plan encompasses the most fundamental historical rights, ideals, and pressing needs of the Iranian people in pursuit of a republic grounded in free and fair elections.
- Rooted in the comprehensive program of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, which was established and announced four decades ago, the ten-point plan pledges to conduct a free election for the Constituent Assembly within six months following the regime's overthrow. As per the council's program, this assembly will be tasked with drafting the constitution for the new republic. For the first time in Iran's history, no religion will be designated as the official state religion, ensuring that discrimination against adherents of other religions or beliefs is eliminated, and maintaining the separation of religion and state.

- The Ten-Point Plan is backed by a resistance movement with over four decades of dedication, marked by 120,000 martyrs. The NCRI stands as the most enduring political coalition in Iran's history, steadfastly committed to upholding the nation's independence and freedom. The PMOI/MEK, the council's pivotal constituent, is the sole nationwide organized entity within the country. Presently, it is actively involved in establishing and managing Resistance Units across Iran, with its extensive and growing activities evident to all.
- The Ten-Point Plan is more than just a theoretical or academic proposition for an alternative. The National Council of Resistance and the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran have actively demonstrated their commitment to the plan's provisions. For instance, when the plan advocates for complete gender equality, both organizations have been championing this cause for decades. Likewise, in alignment with the plan's vision for a non-nuclear Iran, the People's Mojahedin has played a crucial role in exposing the regime's nuclear ambitions over the past two decades.

In 2023, some 229 bipartisan members of the United States Congress, 250 cross-party members of both houses of the British Parliament, and dozens of Nobel Laureates have expressed their backing for the plan. This impressive list of endorsers also includes hundreds of dignitaries and former officials from dozens of countries such as the United States, Canada, France, Italy, Germany, Britain, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Portugal, Luxembourg, Belgium, The Netherlands, Denmark, Spain, Ireland, Romania, Poland, Hungry, Lithuania, Latvia, the European Parliament, and the Middle East. This widespread support is a testament to the shared belief in a brighter, more democratic future for Iran.

The global endorsement of Mrs. Rajavi's Ten-Point Plan represents just one facet of the narrative. Within Iran, the plan garners significant backing from the populace, a topic deserving of its own dedicated magazine issue. It is worth noting that, despite the challenges in openly expressing their support, Iranians have ingeniously devised methods to demonstrate their solidarity with the plan and the NCRI. Employing graffiti, covert gatherings, and the surreptitious dissemination of literature, the Iranian people courageously convey their aspirations for transformation and a more promising future.

In the following pages, you will discover statements of support and remarks from prominent figures who endorse this plan, which promises a brighter future for the Iranian people. We hope that this issue serves as both an enlightening and motivational resource for our readers, and we express our gratitude for your ongoing support and engagement in this vital cause.

By steadfastly uniting in our support for the Ten-Point Plan, we deliver a resounding message to those who attempt to silence the voices of the Iranian people: change is not inevitable and unstoppable. The Iranian people are not dwelling on the past; instead, they set their sights on

a free, democratic, and prosperous future as envisioned by Mrs. Rajavi's Ten-Point Plan. The plan calls for the following:

- 1. Rejection of velayat-e faqih (absolute clerical rule). Affirmation of the people's sovereignty in a republic founded on universal suffrage and pluralism;
- 2. Freedom of speech, freedom of political parties, freedom of assembly, freedom of the press and the internet. Dissolution and disbanding of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), the terrorist Qods Force, plainclothes groups, the unpopular Bassij, the Ministry of Intelligence, Council of the Cultural Revolution, and all suppressive patrols and institutions in cities, villages, schools, universities, offices, and factories;
- Commitment to individual and social freedoms and rights in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Humans Rights. Disbanding all agencies in charge of censorship and inquisition. Seeking justice for massacred political prisoners, prohibition of torture, and the abolishment of the death penalty;
- 4. Separation of religion and state, and freedom of religions and faiths;
- 5. Complete gender equality in the realms of political, social, cultural, and economic rights, and equal participation of women in political leadership. Abolishment of any form of discrimination; the right to choose one's own clothing freely; the right to freely marry and divorce, and to obtain education and employment. Prohibition of all forms of exploitation against women under any pretext;
- 6. An independent judiciary and legal system consistent with international standards based on the presumption of innocence, the right to defense counsel, right of appeal, and the right to be tried in a public court. Full independence of judges. Abolishment of the mullahs' Sharia law and dissolution of Islamic Revolutionary Courts;
- 7. Autonomy for and removal of double injustices against Iranian nationalities and ethnicities consistent with the NCRI's plan for the autonomy of Iranian Kurdistan;
- 8. Justice and equal opportunities in the realms of employment and entrepreneurship for all people of Iran in a free market economy. Restoration of the rights of blue-collar workers, farmers, nurses, white-collar workers, teachers, and retirees;
- 9. Protection and rehabilitation of the environment, which has been massacred under the rule of the mullahs;
- 10. A non-nuclear Iran that is also devoid of weapons of mass destruction. Peace, co-existence, and international and regional cooperation.



The Joint Letter of 50 Nobel Prize Laureates

The Iranian people's unwavering determination to achieve their long-denied freedoms, despite the heavy costs, makes it imperative for human rights advocates to take concrete steps to support the Iranian people and their just resistance.

Forty-four years ago, millions of Iranian people rejected the despotic rule of the Shah and its brutal secret police (SAVAK) due to its crimes and torturing people by participating in mass demonstrations. Today, During the ongoing nationwide

protests, they chant, "No to Monarchy, No to Theocracy! Yes to Democracy, Equality".

Maryam Rajavi 's Ten-point platform for a secular and non-nuclear democratic republic, already supported by the signatories of this statement, was endorsed by 250 representatives of the UK House of Commons and the House of Lords in February 2023.

The absolute majority of members of the US House of Representatives

(225 members) also sponsored a resolution (H. Res. 100) in March 2023, which recognizes the right of the Iranian people to establish a secular and non-nuclear democratic republic and the Ten-point platform which calls for universal suffrage, free elections, a market economy, independent judiciary, gender, religious, and ethnic equality, a foreign policy based on peaceful coexistence, and a non-nuclear Iran.



Press release by Congressman Tom McClintock

WASHINGTON – A broad bipartisan coalition of 165 house members joined Congressman Tom McClintock (CA-05) today to announce the introduction of House Resolution 100, voicing support for the Iranian Resistance Council's Ten-Point plan for a democratic, secular, and nonnuclear Republic of Iran.

McClintock expressed the representatives' united support for the protests in Iran, the opposition to the harsh oppression imposed by the regime over its own people, and

its export of violence and terrorism throughout the Middle East.

This resolution recognizes that the current protests are rooted in more than four decades of organized resistance against the Iranian dictatorship, which, for years, has been led by women who have endured torture, sexual and gender-based violence, and death.

The resolution refers to "support for the opposition leader Mrs. Maryam Rajavi's Ten-point plan for the future of Iran, which calls for the universal right to vote, free elections, and a market economy, and advocates gender, religious, and ethnic equality, a foreign policy based on peaceful coexistence, and a non-nuclear Iran."

H.Res. 100 urges the United States to "be involved in any establishment of an international investigation into the 1988 extrajudicial killings" of thousands of political prisoners in Iran, mostly members of the main Iranian opposition movement, the Mujahedin-e Khalq (MEK).



At Congressional Event, Solid House Majority Deliver H.RES.100

Bi-partisan sponsors and many cosponsors of H. Res. 100 joined a congressional briefing to announce their support for the people of Iran and their call for a non-nuclear, secular republic. The resolution has garnered support from 11 Committee Chairs, 60 Subcommittee Chairs, and 28 Foreign Affairs Committee Members and ranking members.

Chairman Tom McClintock referred to the principles of the Ten-Point Plan by Maryam Rajavi, the President-Elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, and said, "the universal right to vote in free and fair elections, the right of every person to participate in a free market and to enjoy the prosperity that freedom guarantees, the right to be judged as a human be-

ing regardless of gender, religion or ethnicity; the right to return to the community of free and respected nations based on peaceful coexistence. This is the future of Iran – its course is already charted, the journey has already begun, and its shining destination can already be seen in the distance."



European and American Political Personalities Statement

The current uprising is rooted in the four decades of organized resistance and sacrifices that had been made. The uniformity of the protesters' slogans and their tactics in defying and confronting the multitude of suppressive and security forces point to a significant degree of organization and coordination. The key to the longevity of the uprising has been the Resistance Units affiliated with the PMOI/MEK.

At the same time, the Iranian regime has engaged in a sophisticated campaign to mislead the world that a viable democratic alternative does not exist, spreading the fear that any change in Iran would lead to chaos. The flip side of this campaign has been propping up the remnants of the deposed and detested monarchy to undermine the unity of the opposition and tarnish its image and insinuate that any change in the status quo may bring back the pre-1979 dictatorship. However, as evident in the chants of "Death to the oppressor, be it the Shah or the Leader (Khamenei)" and "Neither Monarchy nor theocracy, yes to democracy, equality" in universities and dozens of cities across the country, the people of Iran overwhelmingly reject the religious dictatorship in power now and the monarchic dictatorship that preceded it. For them, the choice is not to jump from the frying pan into the fire, but rather they long for the establishment of a democratic and free Iranian republic based on the separation of religion and state.

For many years, on both sides of the Atlantic, Western governments pursued engagement with Iran in the futile hope of finding a moderate faction within the regime whose empowerment would result in behavioral change. That policy has miserably failed. The missing link in that policy was listening to the voices of the Iranian people and their organized opposition, the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI), whose President Maryam Rajavi has articulated a Ten-Point Plan advocating gender equality, abolition of the death pen-

alty, religious freedom and recognizes the equal rights of all ethnicities, including autonomy for nationalities such as Kurds within Iran's territorial integrity.

Signatories

Janez Jansa, former Prime Minister, Slovenia; Geir Haarde, former Prime Minister, Iceland; John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons (2009-2019), United Kingdom; Ambassador Lincoln Bloomfield Jr., former Special Envoy and Assistant Secretary of State, United States; Iveta Radicova, Former Prime Minister of Slovakia; Petre Roman, former Prime Minister of Romania; Avdullah Hoti, former Prime Minister of Kosovo; Audronius Ažubalis, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, MP, Lithuania; Jan-Erik Enestam, former Minister for Defence, Finland; Kimmo Sasi, former Minister of Transport and Communications, Finland; Tonio Borg, former Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy, Malta; Michał Kamiński, Former Secretary of State for Media Relations in Chancellery of the President, deputy speaker of the Senate, Poland; Marcin Świecicki, former Minister for Foreign Economic Cooperation, former Mayor of Warsaw, Poland; Ryszard Kalisz, former Minister of the Interior and Administration, Poland; Enver Hoxhaj, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kosovo; Anatol Şalaru, former Minister of Defence, Moldova; John Perry, former Minister of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Ireland; Wayne Easter, 40th Solicitor General of Canada, former Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture, Canada; Edvard Julius Solnes, former Minister of environment, Iceland; Francis Zammit Dimech, former Minister of foreign affairs, Malta; Stanislav Pavlovschi, Judge, former Minister of Justice, Moldova; Giuseppe Morganti, Former State Secretary for Education, Culture and University of San Marino



Statement by British Committee for Iran Freedom

On Thursday, 23 February 2023, the Rt. Hon. David Jones MP, former Minister for Wales and Brexit, and President of the British Committee for Iran Freedom, and Bob Blackman MP, visited Ashraf 3 in Albania, and held talks with Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) for the transfer of sovereignty to the people of Iran.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Blackman also addressed the gathering of thousands of senior officials and members of the People's Mojahedin Organisation of Iran (PMOI/MEK).

During the visit, Mr. Jones and Mr. Blackman presented Mrs. Rajavi with a statement signed by 250 members of both Houses of the British Parliament from all parties in support of the Iranian people's nationwide uprising, the Iranian Resistance, and Mrs. Rajavi's Ten-Point Plan for the future of Iran. In presenting the signatures in two separate books, they said: "It is time to recognize the right of the Iranian people to defend themselves and overthrow this regime and to establish a democratic, secular republic."

250 members from both Houses of the British Parliament recognized the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) as the democratic alternative to the clerical regime and deserving of full support.

The 250 signatories of this statement also pointed out: "The people of Iran have a democratic alternative whose goals are enshrined in the Ten-Point Plan articulated by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI). This alternative deserves all-embracing support."



Mike Pence, 48th Vice President of the US

The regime should know we're not fooled by the fake reformers and regime puppets pretending to be moderates. We know that many of these so-called reformers offer nothing more than false hope and the illusion of change. The people of Iran want real change, and real change is exactly what MEK offers.

Maryam Rajavi's Ten-Point plan for the future of Iran will ensure freedom of expression, freedom of assembly, freedom of religion, and the freedom of every Iranian to choose their elected leaders.

Just this week, more than 220 members of the United States House of Representatives in both political parties cosponsored a resolution expressing support for people's desire for a democratic, secular, and non-nuclear republic of Iran.

The mullahs were outraged, but that's one more reason to cosponsor the resolution, and those members of Congress should wear their outrage as a badge of honor. And again, let me say I congratulate the Republicans and Democrats who step forward to take this stand.

The regime in Tehran wants to trick the world into believing that the Iranian protesters want to return to the dictatorship of the Shah. But we're not confused by their lies. The Iranian people do not want to replace one dictator with another. The Iranian people want to be free.

VP Mike Pence's remarks on July 15, 2022

One of the biggest lies the ruling regime has sold the world is that there is no alternative to the status quo. But there is an alternative – a well-organized, fully prepared, perfectly qualified, and popularly supported alternative. And let me thank Maryam Rajavi and all of those gathered here in Ashraf 3 for offering hope to the people of Iran.

Your Resistance Units commitment to democracy, human rights, and freedom for every citizen of Iran. Maryam Rajavi's Ten-Point Plan for the future of Iran will ensure freedom of expression, freedom of assembly, and freedom for every Iranian to choose their elected leaders. It's a foundation on which to build the future of Iran.

All free nations of the world must continue to support the Iranian people in their calls for freedom and demand that Iran's leaders cease their dangerous and destabilizing actions and respect their people and their inalienable rights.



Michael R. Pompeo, The 70th US Secretary of State

I'd also like to recognize President-elect Maryam Rajavi. Under her leadership, the National Council of Resistance of Iran is laying the groundwork for a free, sovereign, and democratic republic in Iran.

A serious missing factor in U.S. policy towards Iran has been the lack of political support for the organized

opposition. The regime in Tehran went to the extreme to massacre 30,000 political prisoners, whose main targets and a majority of victims were the MEK.

The threat of attack extends far beyond Iran's borders, with the regime having waged terror plots throughout Europe and the U.S. against the leaders of this movement. Now, to correct the Iran policy, no matter who is in the White House, it is a necessity for the U.S. administration to reach out to the Iranian Resistance and take advantage of its tremendous capabilities. Ashraf 3 is one such place to focus on.





And this organization, the NCRI, and your Resistance Units have made your presence felt. There have been over two and a half thousand acts of defiance of various types, including last February, the disruption of state-controlled radio and television, allowing messages to be broadcast directly to the Iranian people by Madame Rajavi.

We always say that the Iranian people must choose their own future. But we know there is only one choice that all great peoples aspire to, and that is the choice of freedom and democracy, not the dictatorship of today and not the dictatorship of the past. Friends, Madame Rajavi and you of the NCRI have made a clear commitment to a Ten-Point Plan for a bright future for the Iranian people.

Let's repeat those Ten-Points once again because we can never say them

enough. Democracy, pluralism, the rule of law and justice, human rights, peaceful coexistence, gender equality, private property, a market economy, the separation of religion and state, and a non-nuclear Iran. Friends, that Ten-Point Plan, your Ten-Point plan is the future. It's the future the world wants. It's the future Iranians need.



Senator Joe Lieberman from Connecticut (1989–2013)

It strikes me that there was a role model for this uprising in Iran today led by women, and it was a unique uprising over a unique model over the years.

And that was the leadership of Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, a woman, a towering figure of principle and effectiveness...

The fight for freedom in Iran goes much further back than that decades in the courageous effort of so many people inside Iran with the support of the Iranian diaspora, both in the time of the Shah protesting that authoritarian and brutally repressive regime and, of course, in the time of the Mullahs that since 1979 have controlled this great country. And there is no organization, no movement that has done more courageously and with principle over that period of time than the MEK, NCRI led by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi.

This is a movement that has had the courage to take on absolute power and not be afraid of it. And it's more than that. It's a movement that is based on a vision for the future, a secular, democratic, non-nuclear

republic of Iran. If you read Mrs. Rajavi's ten-point plan, you think, in part, you're reading the Bill of Rights from the American Constitution. And I think it's important as we go forward to look back and say thank you to the MEK, NCRI. Thank you for all your heroism, your persistence, your stamina, your resolve, and for the work that you have done to have a plan that gives the people of Iran and us the confidence that when the day comes, hopefully before next, Nowruz when this government falls, that there will not be chaos.

General James Jones, Former US National Security Advisor

On this auspicious occasion, I would also like to take a moment to recognize the leadership of Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the President-Elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, which has been around since 1981. Her tireless work and advocacy for a democratic Iran have been an inspiration to all of us, and we are deeply grateful for her unwavering commitment to the Iranian people. Her Ten-Point plan for a democratic Iran is a testament to her vision and her leadership. And I was delighted to know that it has been endorsed by some 224 members of the House of Representatives and both political parties in the new 118th Congress.



General James Jones remarks on September 22, 2018

In framing U.S. policy ahead, including the oil sanctions to be imposed later this autumn, measures that I would add are already working, Secretary Pompeo articulated a simple but compelling goal: "our efforts," he said, "is to one day see Iranians in Iran enjoying the same quality of life that Iranians in America enjoy." Achieving that vision

is deeply rooted in Mrs. Maryam Rajavi's aspirations. It's the core of her Ten-Point Plan for Iran's future. These are Jeffersonian principles that every freedom-loving member of the human race can embrace and that every form of tyranny fears. We all know what those Ten-Points are, and I will not belabor the point except to say that these ten principles

that I refer to them as really, truly Jeffersonian principles, this is what the regime fears the most. And we look forward with great anticipation to the day when its fears are realized in full. The United States and our allies have a vital role to play in helping shape the kind of free and democratic future that the Ten-Point Plan promises.

Senator Giulio Terzi, Former Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs



The time has finally come to see the fascist regime of the mullahs over-thrown and replaced by a democratic and free Iran. Now more than ever, after four decades under the tyranny of the Iranian regime, the Iranian people deserve a secular and peaceful democracy governed by the rule of law and abiding by international conventions and principles concerning human rights, freedom of religion, justice, political plural-

ism, and individual freedoms. That is to say, a non-nuclear Iran, which is also devoid of weapons of mass destruction and promotes peace, coexistence, and international and regional cooperation, as foreseen by Madame Rajavi's Ten-Point Plan for a future Iran.

We cannot fall prey to the perverse dynamics of the mullahs. It should

be absolutely clear all over the world that the only credible alternative to this criminal, the terrorist Iranian regime is the democratic and free Iran, strongly promoted by the National Council of Resistance of Iran led by Madame Maryam Rajavi. Millions of untamed people in Iran are waiting for a clear and unequivocal response from the Western world.



Bernard Kouchner, Former French Minister of Foreign Affairs

A tyranny is not better than the other, like the regime of the Shah and the regime of the ayatollahs. No. What I am simply saying is that there is a democratic alternative. That's what we must choose; that's what we have to impose.

You have a program, a Ten-Point plan, proposed by Mrs. Rajavi. I would like to tell you very deeply and sincerely: we, this new world which is dawning before us and we can already see its destruction. For this world to become a better place, it needs you. We all need you.

Alejo Vidal-Quadras, Former Vice President of the European Parliament



This, too, is something that supporters of the MEK, both in the European Parliament and throughout the world, have long recognized while Western leaders have generally continued operating on the faulty assumption that there is no viable alternative to the mullahs' regime. It is only natural that those leaders would hesitate to affirm the Iranian people's right to self-determination if it was unclear to them what that self-determination would lead to, and whether it would be

in line with the interests of Western nations. But groups like FoFI understand exactly what Iran's next revolution will lead to. They have openly endorsed the Iranian resistance President-elect Maryam Rajavi's 10-point plan for Iran's future.

That plan establishes key democratic principles such as secularism, gender equality, and equal protection under the law, and it sets the stage for the Iranian people to take part in their first truly free and fair elections. It describes a platform that has been tirelessly promoted by the MEK Resistance Units, especially in the wake of the January 2018 uprising. Between then and the outbreak of the current uprising last month, these activist collectives continually accelerated their activities while expanding their tactics to include the takeover of state media broadcasts, the destruction of pro-regime monuments, and so on.



Cécile Rilhac, a Member of French Parliament

I am pleased to open this parliamentary committee meeting for a democratic Iran.

It is the mission that we have given ourselves within this committee not to remain silent and to carry the voice of the Iranian people in their struggle for genuine democracy, particularly the voice of Iranian women at the forefront of this movement. However, the CPID has come a long way in over fifteen years and has shared some values that align perfectly with our Republican values.

That is what we defend in the rule of law. For example, we support the abolition of the death penalty and the complete equality of women and men in political, social, cultural, and economic rights. We defend the equal participation of women in political leadership. Freedom they must have to choose their clothing freely. We jointly support the independence of justice. We defend freedom of expression. We defend freedom of demonstration.

And these values, we found them in the program, the famous Ten-Point program that Maryam Rajavi proposes for a free Iran, rid of the theocracy of the mullahs.

Among these democratic values and principles, there are free elections,

ie, the choice of universal suffrage as the only source of the legitimacy of power. And that is why we reject any form of dictatorship, whether it is that of mullahs who give themselves divine legitimacy to violently repress their people or the old monarchical tyranny, which recognized a certain legitimacy by a bond of blood and kinship.

Consequently, this slogan of the Iranians reaches us inside the country and repeats the tyrant everywhere, whether he is called Shah or Mullah; well, that is also our motto. It is obvious.

Dr. Franz-Josef Jung, Former German Minister of Defense

The IRGC is responsible for the brutal crackdown on Iran's uprising and is on the United States terrorist list. They are the main factor in the deaths of hundreds of men, women, and children. This cannot be the new beginning in Iran.

Iran needs freedom, democracy, the rule of law, and human rights; this

includes Mrs. Maryam Rajavi's Tenpoint plan, which is the democratic alternative. I stand firmly by your side for these values and wish you all the best.





John Baird, Former Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs

The uprising in Iran is deeply rooted in the 40 years of struggle of the Iranian people. The uprising is not a spontaneous phenomeno—it is rooted in the history of Iran, 120,000 executions, and the massacre of 30,000 political prisoners because they were steadfast and supported the MEK.

The leading role of Iranian women is not incidental or coincidence, but it derives from the struggle of Iranian women over the last 43 years. During the past 43 years, tens of

thousands of Iranian women, mainly MEK supporters, have been imprisoned, tortured, and thousands have been executed.

Women have been playing leading roles in the MEK for 30 years. The NCRI president is a woman of high quality who has been recognized worldwide for her confidence, leadership, and principled opposition to this dictatorship and the democratic coalition. The Iranian people want an end to dictatorship, and they are chanting in the streets in

Tehran and across the country in every corner of Iran: down with the oppressors, be at the Shah or the mullahs.

Like many of you, I have been inspired by Madame Rajavi's Tenpoint plan for freedom of expression and assembly, the separation of religion and state, gender equality, and non-nuclear Iran, one that can live in peaceful coexistence with its neighbors and with the civilized world.

Paula Dobriansky, Former Undersecretary of State for Global Affairs

Senate Briefing
In Support of Uprising in Iran for a Secular,
Democratic, Non-Nuclear Republic

Parch 16, 2023

Now is the time to give maximum support to those courageous men and women fighting for their freedom and the freedom of future generations in a democratic, secular, non-nuclear Iran republic. Know that also Mrs. Maryam Rajavi has put forward a Ten-Point plan.

And this is something that she has been very consistent about from the very beginning. Her Ten-Point plan, importantly, calls on the people of Iran to have freedom of expression, freedom of assembly, freedom of religion, and freedom to choose their own leaders. And the people of Iran clearly want that, and they want the protection of their fundamental rights. So those protesting in Iran have launched a movement, a

movement that deserves strong support from the international community. Their courage, persistence, and steadfast determination will bring about the change, the change which they desire, and the change, which is desired, long desired by us.



David Jones, MP and Former Secretary of State for Wales

The Iranian regime is now weaker and more helpless than ever before. They see Mrs. Rajavi's Ten-point plan as an increase in international popularity and recognition as a viable democratic alternative to their religious dictatorship. The British government must recognize

and support the NCRI, led by Maryam Rajavi, and the struggle of the Iranian people for freedom and democracy,"

David Jones' remarks on July 17, 2020

It's a huge pleasure and privilege to be here today at this great annual gathering which this year is taking place both physically and virtually. People in 30,000 locations in over 100 countries all joined together to support freedom in Iran and Madame Rajavi's Ten-Point Plan.

And now, in the great annual Free Iran gathering of 2020, where the

international community gathers together to back the Iranian people's legitimate struggle for democracy, human rights, peace, and security, we call on the British government, especially our prime minister, Boris Johnson, who is Churchill's biographer, to stand firm, as Churchill did, against the regime that is ruling Iran.

Today, Maryam Rajavi is the legitimate ambassador of the Iranian people, and I believe she should be recognized as such by the British government.



John Spellar, a Member of the British Parliament

We must remember that the regime in Iran conducts internal repression with the spread of terrorism and instability in the region. This is a two-pronged operation of the regime because it can only survive by chaos and killing. It even tried to blow up the opposition rally in Paris, which shows that they are afraid of the organized resistance movement as well as the Ten-point democratic program that Mrs. Maryam Rajavi has projected for the future of Iran. That program is progressive

and reflects the democratic aspirations of the Iranian people. The international community and the United Kingdom must recognize this democratic alternative and support Iran's popular solution to the regime.

Patrick Kennedy, Former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives



Thank you, Madam Rajavi, for your leadership in allowing us all to get behind the Ten-Point plan for a new Iran. It's not enough just to be against the Mullahs. It's not enough just to have fought against the Shah because a military dictatorship is just like a religious dictatorship. And with Madam Rajavi, we will have a democratic republic of Iran.

We are here today in the heart of Europe. A generation ago, my Uncle Joe died in the skies not far from here. He died fighting Hitler. He died fighting the Nazis. He died fighting fascism. And today, we must do the same and stand up to fascism, the torture chambers, and the death squads of the modern

Nazi regime. Make no mistake; the IRGC is nothing more than a modern Gestapo. Europe and the United States, and countries around the world stood up against Adolf Hitler because he was a threat to democracy and freedom all around the world.



Leo Dautzenberg, Former financial policy spokesman for the CDU/CSU parliamentary group

Even before the start of the current uprising, there had been resistance to the clerical regime for decades, especially by the People's Mojahedin Organization, about which the western media reported only insufficiently.

I remember the execution of more than 30,000 political prisoners in 1988. There are other examples of the inhuman policies of the mullahs over the last few decades, which are very depressingly documented in the museum in Ashraf.

The commitment to freedom and democracy must not be forgotten either but should be an incentive for us to continue to support the groups in Iran.

Many ethnic and social groups wage this struggle. The mullahs' disinformation policy exposes itself by claiming

that there is no opposition in Iran. If this is true, then why is brutal force being used against the demonstrators?

They are fighting for a great cause worth sacrificing for so much. The cause is striving for an Iran in which the people's right to self-determination is recognized.

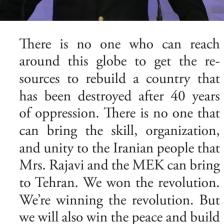
For this reason, it is very important that the first article in Mrs. Rajavi's Ten-point plan for a free Iran reads: "Abolition of the velayat-e faqih (the absolute rule of the clergy) and the establishment of popular sovereignty in a republic based on universal suffrage and pluralism is established." This is a real alternative to the dictatorship of the mullahs.

Robert Torricelli, Former Senator from New Jersey

And finally, to the people of diaspora, wherever you may be around the world. Let us speak honestly. In every revolution, as the train is leaving the station, there are always those who get on late and hold on to the caboose. That's okay. Everyone is welcome. Whether you were with us for 40 years or four days, the new Iran has a place for everyone with only one condition: we are not fighting. We have not fought all these years to exchange one dictator

for another dictator. The new Iran will be free.

If you believe in Mrs. Rajavi's Ten-Point plan, a republic, gender equality, a non-nuclear Iran, Iran at peace, Iran that does not execute or persecute its people, a democratic, free Iran, if these are your principles, whether you are always with us or you've never been with us, but you join us now. You are welcome. We are the same. We are a free Iran. Welcome aboard.





a new country.



Tom McClintock a Member of US House of Representatives

Iran is one of the oldest and greatest civilizations in history, but it has been unjustly suppressed and plundered by a clique of theocratic thugs that comprises the illegitimate Iranian Government. In past eras, the Iranian people have known the happiness and prosperity that freedom makes possible and are rightfully seeking to reclaim it. You are not alone.

That is why more than 250 members of the United States House of

Representatives – a solid majority of the entire House made up of Republicans and Democrats – have co-sponsored House Resolution 118, which expresses support for the Iranian people's desire for a democratic, secular, and non-nuclear republic of Iran and condemning the violations of human rights and state-sponsored terrorism by the Iranian Government.

I would also like to take this time to thank Maryam Rajavi and all of those in attendance here for offering hope to your people in Iran. Madam Rajavi, your Ten-Point Plan for the future of Iran will ensure that the freedom of expression, the freedom of assembly, and the freedom for every Iranian to choose their elected leaders – enlightened principles that are the foundation on which the New Iran will be built.

Helle Thorning-Schmidt, Former Prime Minister of Denmark

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Forty-three years ago, the Iranian people overthrew Shah's regime. They did that because they wanted to move to a system where the Iranian people can elect their own leaders, a system based on democracy and freedom. And therefore, it is absurd to think that the Iranian people would return to Shah's dictatorship. The Iranian people reject

Shah's dictatorship. They reject religious dictatorship.

A remarkable woman, Maryam Rajavi, is leading the democratic opposition...there is actually a very comprehensive Ten-Point Plan for a more democratic Iran. And I urge everyone who is a democrat to endorse and support that plan. It is truly impressive.

You're showing us that the democratic movement to have a freer Iran is a very diverse group of people and that women play an important part in that endeavor. You are showing us that female power is enormous, and that is why misogynist leaders across Europe and the world get so nervous about female empowerment and female agency.



Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, Former German Minister of Defense

All the more, we have to stand by the Iranian people and their struggle for freedom. They reject Shah's dictatorship and theocratic dictatorship and want a republic based on democratic values. Maryam Rajavi has stipulated the vision of such a republic and the way ahead in a Ten-Point Plan for the future of Iran. This is the true alternative,

the correct vision for a democratic, free, peaceful, and people respecting Iran. This is the Iran the world needs. Let us work together on it.

General James Conway, 34th Commandant of the US Marine Corps



Currently, workers and retirees are being either underpaid or potentially not paid at all in Iran. The regime is shifting monies from the central banks to pay for their weapons systems and other things. As a result of all of that, fathers are simply hard-pressed to feed their families.

Inflation, by comparison, in the United States and most Europe-

an countries is at about 8%. Last month, in June 2022, inflation in Iran was 52%. As a result of all of that, the new president, Raisi, has an approval rating somewhere below 28% in that nation. Folks, I think that simply cannot continue. But my encouragement to you is that change will come sooner or later.

When it comes, you simply need to be ready. Iran needs you. They need the leadership of Madame Rajavi and her Ten-Point plan for a more effective government. And, as importantly, you are the answer to the prayers of 85 million of your fellow Iranians



General Jack Keane, Former Vice Chief of Staff of the US Army

Thank you, Maryam Rajavi and members of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, for inviting me today. My only regret is that I'm not there with you at Ashraf-3, where nearly 3000 of your members are residing. You are all an inspiration for Iranians living under the mullahs; to the freedom-loving people around the world, as you have courageously and steadfastly

sacrificed your personal well-being for the cause of getting rid of the mullahs' brutal regime and establishing freedom and democracy in Iran. The NCRI and the people of Iran reject dictatorship in any form, the shah or the mullahs.

The narrative spread by the Mullahs is that if they were overthrown, people would favor a return of

the shah's bald-faced dictatorship, which is a bald-faced lie. The Iranian people want and deserve their freedom. Maryam Rajavi's Ten-Point plan clearly lays out what is best for the Iranian people, as much as the Declaration of Independence did for America's founding Fathers in fighting to remove the shackles of repression in America.

Janez Janša, Former Prime Minister of Slovenia



We believe there is a democratic alternative to the Mullahs, and the west should support the organized opposition. This opposition is powerful and is committed to democracy. Inside Iran, it exists in the form of the MEK Resistance Units. Outside Iran, it exists in the form of the National Council of Resistance of Iran.

Mrs. Maryam Rajavi has granted all democratic values in her Ten-Point Plan for a future-free Iran.

The plan underscores the need for a secular, nonnuclear, and democratically elected republic that rejects both the Shah and the mullahs. It seeks to set up a pluralistic society that respects women's rights, mi-

nority rights, the rule of law, and peaceful foreign policy.

That is precisely what Iran and the world need in order to avoid the nuclear and terrorism nightmare of the mullahs' regime. It's high time that Western governments recognize the Iranian people's right to live in freedom.



Deborah Lee James, Former United States Secretary of the Air Force

Now I want to speak to you for a moment as the former Secretary of the United States Air Force.

There is just no doubt that the regime in Iran is spending way too much of the national wealth of Iran, and not on the welfare of the people of Iran, but on groups like Hamas, Hezbollah, nuclear weapons development, and terrorism abroad, including upon Iranians in exile.

These policies on the part of the regime must come to an end. They must be replaced with the policy of peaceful coexistence with neighbors, as Mrs. Rajavi's Ten-Point plan calls for. This is a plan that also advocates for universal suffrage, gender equality, respect for human rights, an independent judiciary, and the establishment of a secular, non-nuclear, and democratic republic.

I know that the organized opposition, spearheaded by resistance units inside Iran, is determined to achieve just these goals. And, by the way, no one has suffered more, and no one deserves deliverance more than the MEK over the last 40 years. It began when, in 1988, death commissions, which included the current president of Iran, Ebrahim Raisi, ordered that 30,000 MEK members and sympathizers be executed based on a fatwa by the regime's founder, Khomeini.

Deborah Lee James's remarks on July 10, 2021

There is overwhelming bipartisan support in the U.S. House of Representatives for H. Res. 118—a Resolution expressing support for the Iranian people's desire for a democratic, secular, and non-nuclear Republic of Iran. H. Res. 118 also condemns Tehran's violations of human rights and state-sponsored

terrorism. As you know, Mrs. Rajavi's Ten-point Plan was the model used to craft this resolution.

My friends, please allow me to sum up. You—not them—represent the future of Iran. You—not them—are committed to equality for all nationalities and genders.

You—not them—believe in peaceful coexistence and respect for the United Nations charter. And if you continue to fight, to challenge, to speak out, and to resist, well then, you—not them—will one day deliver the right of self-determination and freedom to the people of Iran.



Kelly Ayotte, United States Senator from New Hampshire (2011-2017)

We've seen in the street that people from all walks of life are protesting; whether it's the universities, the villages, the cities, different areas, or the Kurds, people are coming together. This is a unified revolution, and it's been a long time in the making. You all know that because you have been working on this for a long time, for decades. And now

is the time to stand with the Iranian people. They are chanting, "Death to Khamenei, death to the oppressor," whether it be the shah or the supreme leader.

Now is the time for victory for the people of Iran, and we know that there is an alternative because Mrs. Rajavi and the NCRI have a Ten-

Point Plan, a Ten-Point Plan that envisions freedom, democracy, a non-nuclear Iran, and a peaceful Iran that respects human rights. That is the Iranian people, that is what they deserve, and that is the Iran that we can work with as the United States of America. That is Iran, where values are respected, and people are respected.

Carlo Cottarelli, Former Prime Minister-Designate of Italy



You all represent the flame of hope for the Iranian people, hope for a secular republic based on democratic values. You can say this only for a handful of countries; Iran has been at the center of world culture and economic development over the last millennia.

It is, therefore, particularly sad and disturbing to see the Iranian people

going through such a difficult period over the last decade. The current regime's failure to manage the Iranian economy and society is clear to everybody.

I have, and I will fully support, Maryam Rajavi's Ten-Point Plan to turn Iran into a secular republic based on democratic values. A republic that rejects dictatorship in all forms be it the previous dictatorship of the shah or the current theocratic regime.

Iran needs free elections. Iran needs freedom of expression, freedom of religion, gender equality, and independent judiciary, and a non-nuclear country. Let me conclude by thanking you for what you do.



Dr. Matthew Offord, a Member of British Parliament

There is a right for the PMOI to exist and to stand against the regime in Tehran. We all know the faults of the regime in Tehran, but for me, it's unacceptable for them to be exporting their terrorism onto mainland Europe. They've already done so in countries such as Yemen, Syria, and Lebanon. And we know that the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action did not address the issue of human rights in Iran. It allowed monies, resources, manpower to go into conflicts and spread terrorism and evil around the world.

So, we must continue to support Madame Rajavi, her Ten-Point Plan, and the PMOI as a credible alternative to the regime in Tehran.

In the United Kingdom. I, Steve, and other colleagues are pushing the UK government upon the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. But in addition, we are also pushing the government for the recognition of the 1988 massacre. And indeed, here with me, I have a copy of an early-day motion signed by members of the UK Parliament, and I would like Madame Rajavi to come up and accept it from me here today.

Our motion says that the UK parliament recognizes and supports justice for the victims of the 1988 massacre and recognized that 30,000 political prisoners were massacred based on a Fatwa by Iran's supreme Leader Khomeini, primarily targeted at the PMOI. It also recalls that Amnesty International has identified President Ebrahim Raisi as a member of the 1988 death squad and executions. We will not forget what's happened in the past; we will not forget what's happened in the recent past.

Lincoln Bloomfield Jr., Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs



Iran continues to violate international norms. The crisis in Ukraine reminds us that international norms are what we must live by in a peaceful world. So, when this is

over, mark my words, it's time to have a major conversation about the return of democratic countries, the freestanding world, and groups like the NCRI to support Madame Rajavi's Ten-point plan, which is perfectly consistent with all of our values.



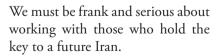
Rob Mitchell, Member of Australian Parliament

Genocide, terrorism, and nuclear defiance committed by the mullahs' regime must be held accountable for four decades of crimes against humanity, including the 1988 slaughter of 30000 political prisoners and the 2019 deaths of at least 1500 demonstrators. The regime officials must be brought to justice.

I'm very happy to support the courageous and patriotic Iranians who not only aspire to a country where everyone's rights are honored fully and equally but who are prepared to work peacefully towards that goal.

I support the Ten-Point plan of Maryam Rajavi. Iran's people deserve free and fair elections, the freedom to practice their faith without hindrance, and the opportunity to build their life on the security offered by a functioning government that promotes a foreign policy based on peaceful coexistence and a non-nuclear Iran which works for the benefit of all. No Shah, no Shaikh.

Franc Bogovič, MEP from Slovenia



A country that would live in peace with its neighbors and respect its citizens' most basic rights. A country that would not seek prohibited armaments to destabilize its neighbors that would not foment terrorism under the guise of ideological

teaching, and that would not rob the Iranian people of their assets to finance illegal adventurism all over the world.

In this respect, we should abandon the failed attempt to be friends with a regime that is determined to get the bomb, and we should try instead to establish contact with the



Madam Rajavi's Ten-Point plan for a future Iran represents all the elements and values we respect, so I once more announce my full support for the program and for your struggle, Madam Rajavi, for a free and democratic Iran.





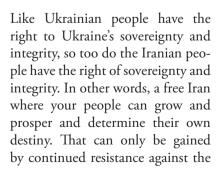
John Perry, Former Irish Minister of State

We need action, and all of the Iranian embassies right around Europe should certainly be challenged with regard to the challenges that have taken place in Iran currently.

I think the time has come when we must be more decisive within parameters. I've been at many events here at the moment, and I have huge admiration for the President-elect, Madame Rajavi, and I think her Ten-Point plan is very important.

But it's equally important that when you look at the conflict that's taking place currently in Iran at the moment. You see, the video feed is coming from Iran, the massive empowerment of the people, I think we must give leadership. Equally, where we can act in solidarity, I think we must give tangible support in our home countries.

Wayne Easter, Former Canadian MP and Minister of Agriculture



current regime and by building alliances in the world.

We in the west, in the United States and Europe, Canada, Australia, and other liberal democracies must give due recognition to the Iranian resistance and recognize the importance of Madame Rajavi and her vision for Iran based on the Ten-Point Plan that she has outlined. Again, it is necessary for the world to come together and fight in support of a free Iran.

The world will be a better place when the current regime is replaced by a democratic republic in Iran.





Ljudmila Novak, MEP From Slovenia

I have been following your cause for many years, and I know that the people of Iran are more determined than ever to continue the struggle for freedom. The Iranian people have struggled for freedom against both the Shah dictatorship and these present regimes.

But in the end, it is always the will and force of a nation that will prevail during the ongoing and unstoppable protests in Iran. There is a strong alternative, the National Council of Resistance of Iran, that ensures Iran's transition to a democratic, non-nuclear republic based on the separation of religion and state and gender equality.

All of this is found in Mrs. Rajavi's Ten-Point plan for a Free Iran, and we at the European Parliament support it.

I speak today to the Iranian people so that they are inspired to know that the representatives of European nations and European Parliamentarians hear their voices and that we will continue to support your cause. Mrs. Rajavi, thank you, and please know that your people can count on me



Tony Clement, Former Canadian Minister

I would like to say that there is a democratic alternative in Iran that operates within the NCRI and the MEK and, of course, Mrs. Rajavi's Ten-point plan, and it is necessary; I believe, for free nations to recognize this clear democratic alternative.

The regime in Iran has a number of activities that seem to downgrade or denigrate this positive alternative. They imply a false choice between themselves and the defunct monarchy, and you know, they try to emphasize that Iranians have to

say no to Shah, but we know that this is just the way they prop up a dictatorial and totalitarian regime rather than promote a democratic republic.

The Late Baroness Betty Boothroyd, former Speaker of the U.K. House of Commons



My friends in Iran, I salute you. As my friend Maryam said, "The people show to the Iranian dictators and to the world that they want real change, genuine change, and not a masquerade of a statesman."

We are reminded, especially today, of Madame Rajavi's Ten-point plan for the future of Iran, which encompasses the democratic aspirations of the people. And guarantee is the realization of their long-standing desire for civil liberty, and for the democratic process. It is no coinci-

dence that women of all ages are in the vanguard of this popular resistance movement against the regime.

I admire the role women are taking and the courage they demonstrate in doing so. For world leaders and the international community, this summit, with thousands in attendance, reflects only a small portion of the strong support the NCRI and its President has among the Iranian people and worldwide.

My friends, the time has come to recognize this democratic alternative, a popular movement, as it marches and certainly marches to victory for a free Iran.

I stand with you, men and women of Iran, and support you until the day when we can gather to rejoice for the final celebration in Tehran, the capital of a free and democratic nation. Thank you.

Baroness Boothroyd's remarks on July 19, 2020

You know, my friends, nobody symbolizes and represents the Iranian people's struggle against the regime better than my dear friends and the NCRI and my special friend, President-elect Maryam Rajavi. Her name and her message of freedom shake the regime to its core. This is because of her Ten-Point Plan, a democratic platform to encompass the aspirations of the Iranian people. It provides a democratic alternative for future Iranian generations, and it gives the women of Iran their rights and an opportunity to lead their county and to be part of the shaping of its future. This is what we aim for.

My friends, the lesson of history is that a regime that has repression and terrorism in part of its DNA is des-

tined to fall. This means that a free and democratic Iran is within reach for the people of Iran, as Maryam Rajavi has repeatedly said in her speeches and in her statements. That is why I stand with you all—the people of Iran, the NCRI—and I call on my government in this country, on the United Kingdom government, to stand on the right side of history and recognize Maryam Rajavi as the true representative of the Iranian people and her movement, the NCRI, as the only viable alternative to the current regime, so that the people of Iran can be given a chance to choose their future leaders in a free and fair election in an open and democratic society.



John Bercow, Former Speaker of the House of Commons of the UK

I am here today to say that I support the call for free and fair, and democratic elections, which there have not been in Iran of which more and on, and explicitly, with all the force and passion of my command to support the NCRI president's Ten-point plan for the country's future. And let's be clear, in a crystallized and succinct form, of what those Ten-Points are-people's sovereignty. And what does people's sovereignty mean? It means universal suffrage. It means political pluralism. It means the right to choose your leaders. And it means crucially, in a democracy, the right to change your choice of who should be your leader.

Secondly, it means freedom of speech, freedom of political parties, freedom of assembly, freedom of the press, and freedom of the internet.

Thirdly, it means individual and social freedoms, which are consistent and in accord with the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights. That declaration is honored at the moment in Iran exclusively in the breach, not in the observance. They don't respect it in the Arabian government. They have contempt for it. We who believe in individual and social rights are very clear that there should be no death penalty, whereas, in Iran, it is applied on a horrendous scale.

Fourthly, we believe, as has already been articulated in the separation of religion and state, that's the nature and essence of a secular democracy. And we believe in freedom of religion, freedom of worship, and, indeed, freedom to subscribe to no particular religion at all.

Fifthly, the Ten-point plan is about complete gender equality, sex, an independent judiciary, and a legal system which is separate from independent of not bossed around by or subject to edicts from the central government is of the essence of a free society. Stephen knows that in Canada, I know that in the United Kingdom, colleagues from elsewhere around the world who have spoken or will speak to you are very clear about what an independent judiciary is and what it is not. They don't have it in Iran and the people want it, thirst for it, clamor for it, demand for it, and deserve it.

Next, autonomy for Iranian nationalities, equal opportunities in employment, in entrepreneurship, and the protection of the environment.



Kimmo Sassi, Member of Parliament and Former Finnish Minister of Commence

We must make it clear that there is no escape from justice and criminal responsibility for violations of human rights when the people take the future of Iran into their hands. We have to promise full cooperation and economic support from European states when Iran leaves the darkest hours of her history behind her and changes the form of government to democracy and guarantees human rights.

To realize those dreams, the Ten-Point plan of Iranian opposition leader Maryam Rajavi is the right path. When Maryam Rajavi talks about a modern judiciary when she talks about the separation of religion and state, and when she talks about peaceful coexistence with other countries, these are values that we all share and we all can agree on for a better Iran. Free Iran, Free Iran, and Free Iran.



Martin Luther King III, Human Rights Advocate and Son of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

I wholeheartedly support legislation in the U.S. Congress to promote freedom and human rights in Iran. House Resolution 118, which expresses the Iranian people's desire for a democratic, secular, and non-nuclear republic of Iran, also condemns violations of human rights and state-sponsored terrorism by the Iranian government. This important legislation now has nearly 240 sponsors, and I call on

every member of the United States Congress to join in sponsoring this bill.

In addition, I strongly support the Ten-Point plan for Iran's future, developed by Maryam Rajavi and other leaders who are resisting the dictatorship in Iran. The stated goals of this plan include genuine democracy and self-determination for all Iranians; freedom of speech

and association; ending the death penalty; religious freedom for all Iranians; eradicating discrimination based on gender; establishing an independent judicial system and compliance with the universal declaration of human rights; equal employment opportunities; an end to the development of nuclear weapons and all weapons of mass destruction; and a commitment to peaceful coexistence.



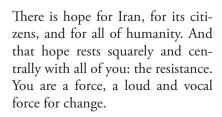
The late Sir David Amess Member of the U.K. House of Commons

I'm delighted to announce that so far, over 100 of my colleagues have signed a very strong statement on Iran. And here it is, in the red book from the House of Lords and the Green Book from the House of Commons. And this statement rejects the brutal religious dictatorship in Iran and supports the Iranian resistance and Madame Rajavi. So, let me read parts of this statement, signed by 102 members of Parliament and members of the House of Lords.

We believe that the Ten-point plan outlined by the President-elect of the NCRI, Mrs. Rajavi, and her calls for the establishment of a Republic in Iran based on free and fair elections, separation of religion and state, gender equality, non-discrimination against religious and ethnic minorities, and a non-nuclear Iran deserve our support. We call on our governments to adopt a firm policy.

These are the regime in Iran and to hold its leaders to account for suppressing the Iranian people engaging in terrorism in Europe, meddling in the region, and taking hostage individuals who withdraw citizenship. We also call for the imposition of tougher sanctions as long as the Iranian regime continues with its rogue behavior.

Tim Broas, Former U.S. Ambassador to the Netherlands



You have accomplished so much already through House Resolution 118, a bipartisan resolution by the U.S. Congress condemning Iran and embracing Maryam Rajavi's Ten-Point plan.

The women and children of Iran are counting on you. The political prisoners in Iran are counting on you. Like you, they are yearning for a democratic, secular, and non-nu-



clear republic of Iran. They seek a government that treats all of its citizens equally. They desire a country with a legal system and courts that enforce and respect human rights, including access to justice, health and education, and economic opportunity.



Don Bacon, a Member of US House of Representatives (R-NA)

I am proud to be one of the original co-sponsors of H. Res. 118, which expresses support for the Iranian people's desire for a democratic, secular, and non-nuclear republic. This resolution has over 240 bipartisan co-sponsors in the U.S. Congress, which demonstrates the will of the representatives of the American people in supporting a democratic and free Iran.

As stated in this resolution, tens of thousands of people gathered in

Paris at Free Iran gathering to show support for the opposition leader Mrs. Maryam Rajavi's Ten-point plan for the future of Iran, which calls for the universal right to vote, free elections, a market economy, advocates for gender, religious, and ethnic equality, a foreign policy based on peaceful coexistence, and a non-nuclear Iran.

The recent sham election is another indication of the regime's unabated disregard for the rule of law and democratic process. I believe U.S. policy towards Iran must be based on our commitment to human and women's, religious, and minority rights and our unwavering support for the establishment of a democratic republic in Iran.

Fatmir Mediu, Chairman of the Republican Party of Albania

As Albanians who have tried to do our part, and we are still doing our part, not just host our friends from Iran, but stand firm in policy against terrorism. We did expel the Iranian regime ambassador in Albania together with three other diplomats in December 2018 for their engagement blob against MEK in Tehran.

I believe that all agents and mercenaries in the Iranian regime, intelli-

gence, and security agencies should be expelled from Albania and the rest of Europe. On April 2021, U.S. Congress supported resolution No. 118, which was a support for the Iranian people's desire for a democratic, secular, and non-nuclear Republic of Iran, and condemned the violation of human rights the state-sponsored terrorism by the Iranian government. The resolution also supports the Ten-point Plan of



Madame Rajavi, NCRI President, for free Iran.

As chairman of the Republican Party of Albania, I do support NCRI as the alternative to the regime to bring about peace and freedom in Iran. The Ten-point Plan of Madame Rajavi, the president-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, for a democratic, secular, and non-nuclear Republic of Iran is the way to free Iran.



Gary Locke, former United States Secretary of Commerce

I support House Resolution 118 of the current U.S. Congress with over 240 Democratic and Republican co-sponsors that condemn the Iranian regime's human rights abuses and call on all democratic governments to unequivocally support the Iranian people's basic need for human rights.

Women in Iran suffer under a system of discrimination and inequality. And this fact is manifest in the

constitution and penal code of the Islamic Republic. And based on this system, the life of a woman is literally regarded as half as valuable as that of a man.

The combined effect is that half of the Iranian population lives with a legal vulnerability that would astonish observers throughout of the rest of the world.

Simply put, women and girls in Iran are vulnerable to violence and

harassment, and this permeates every aspect of their lives. As for the treatment of ethnic minorities in Iran, they are among the most subjugated, dehumanized, and repressed groups.

As we look to a brighter future, I am very impressed with the Tenpoint Plan that has been developed for a democratic Iran, which also includes the Rule of Law, which is so important to a free society.

Linda Chavez, Former White House Director of Public Liaison

We heard from General Jones and from others throughout the day of the incredible consequence of a sham election this year in Iran, in which an actual butcher was elected. This is not a man whose hands are dipped in blood. This is a man whose whole body has been dipped in the blood of martyrs for freedom in Iran. And it is a striking commentary on how little we have heard from Western countries about the election of this man. He

is not somebody that reasonable governments, the democratic government, should deal with. This is not someone who is a representative of the people of Iran. He is simply a representative of the Mullahs and their ironclad control.

So, what can be done? Well, I think thousands of people who are watching this event, who are participating in this event in places throughout the world, can, in fact, do some-



thing. And that something is to endorse the program that Madame Rajavi has been talking about for over a decade. And that is the Tenpoint Plan that would bring the kind of stable democracy to Iran that all of us support a democracy that gives equal rights to men and women that does not impose a state religion but allows people to express their faith as they choose, that allows a judiciary to act independently and in which there are free and fair elections.



James Bezan, a Member of Canadian Parliament

I'm inspired by the tenacity and heart of the Iranian people. You are relentless in your fight, and you must be for the sake of all around. Maryam Rajavi's Ten-point Plan clearly lays out our angle of adjust-

ing to a democratic, free, and peaceful future for all Iranians. It also reminds me how much Canada can and must do to support Maryam Rajavi and each and every one of

you to achieve the Iran of the future you deserve: Iran that respects human rights, the rule of law, liberty, democracy, and individual liberty.

Steve McCabe, a Member of British Parliament



President-Elect Maryam Rajavi, can I thank you for the leadership, hope, and vision you continue to provide for the Iranian people during these dark, ugly years of the regime.

We should have listened to the opposition years ago instead of practicing appeasement. We might have avoided giving so much in return for so little over nuclear weapons.

We've witnessed the treachery over the nuclear deal. Now is the time to stand square with the democratic aspiration of the Iranian people. Now is the time for the British people to put things right, and ensure support for you and your Ten-point Plan for a free and democratic Iran. Iran will be free.



Milan Zver MEP from Slovenia

I fully support the aspirations of the Iranian people who want to live in a free, stable, inclusive, and democratic country.

I have continuously appealed to the commission and council to raise human rights violations as a core component of the bilateral cooperation with Iran and to impose sanctions against those responsible for human rights abuses. Ebrahim Raisi and the main perpetrators of crimes against the Iranian people need to face the consequences for all crimes they have committed against humanity.

I would like to renew my solidarity and profound support for your tireless efforts, Mrs. Rajavi, and

your Ten-point Plan for a free Iran. Finally, let me assure you that you have good friends at the European Parliament, and the Friends of a Free Iran intergroup will continue to support your cause.

We will be standing by you and the Iranian people until Iran is a free, peaceful, and democratic society.

Paulo Casaca, former MEP from Portugal

Dear Madam President Rajavi, delighted to listen to your assessment of the situation on Iran. As we are about to end our conference, I would like to elaborate a bit on one point that I think is fundamental, one that was raised actually by at least three honorable members of the European Parliament, Benoît Biteau, Javier Zarzalejos, and Petras

Austrevicius, which is the nature of the crime committed by the Iranian regime that was in evidence with the so-called execution of Navid Afkari.

It is absolutely clear that the European Parliament and, in this regard, the NCRI as well which is one of



the 10 points of 10 point plan, we are fully against the death penalty in any circumstance. But as it was said before, what we have seen here with Mr. Afkari was not the death penalty, was a state crime, was an execution that did not even follow the procedures set by the Iranian regime.



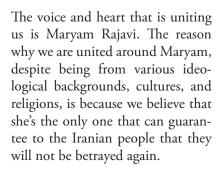
Adam Ereli, former US ambassador to Bahrain

The power of Iran lies in its people. The United States and the friends of Iran and the MEK in Europe and elsewhere need to do everything they can to empower the Iranian people, support their struggle for freedom, and support opposition movements on the frontlines. This is how we build a more prosperous and peaceful Iran along the lines of

Madame Rajavi's Ten-Point Plan. The second thing, we need to pay more attention to countering the propaganda campaign against the MEK, against what you represent, against what you're doing. In addition to trying to bomb or murder you into silence, the Iranian regime is trying to out-propagandize you. What's important for us to do is,

to tell the truth about the Iranian opposition, to share what we see in our gatherings such as this, and to allow the rest of the world to understand that the Iranian people want something better for their country. That vision is represented by all of you, by Madame Rajavi, and by the great work you are doing.

Ingrid Betancourt, former Presidential Candidate of Colombia



In the same way that we won't settle for less than obtaining freedom, democracy, and justice, with the Ten-Point Plan of Maryam Rajavi, my friend whom I admire and salute today as an amazing woman leader in this world, as we are not accepting any less for Iranians in follow-

ing you, we are also not accepting any less for ourselves in putting all these four persons on trial as the perpetrators of all these crimes.





Michael Mukasey, the 81st U.S. Attorney General

The regime's continued maintenance of a ballistic missile program whose only purpose would be the delivery of a nuclear weapon shows that its ongoing efforts to develop a nuclear weapon have not abated. Its continued support for terrorism in the Middle East and around the world shows that this regime is not willing to behave like a normal government.

The only way to end the regime's behavior is to end the regime. There is already an available democratic alternative to the corrupt and terrorist regime of the ayatollahs, and it is the NCRI with its Ten-Point

program for a democratic, secular, non-nuclear republic that guarantees equal rights for all men and women. And we are here to rally support for that alternative and for the efforts of Mrs. Rajavi and others to end the nightmare that Iranians have been living through since 1979.

Robert Joseph, former U.S. Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security



We must deny the regime any legitimacy by keeping the focus on its reign of terror over the past 40 years. The recent House of Representatives resolution with wide bipartisan support is an important step, as are the growing calls to hold those members of the regime responsible for crimes against humanity.

Most important, we must support the democratic opposition, the NCRI, the MEK, and most important, the brave resistance units inside Iran. We must also continue to fight against the false narrative surrounding the MEK that had become deeply ingrained given the regime's massive and sustained disinformation campaign, served by an echo chamber of regime apologists

who often masquerade as journalists and think tank experts.

We know that regime change must and will come from within. Mrs. Rajavi and the Ten-Point Plan provide the vision for effective action and the means to ensure a peaceful transition to a secular, non-nuclear, democratic, and free Iran. Mrs. Rajavi, I stand with you.



Gilbert Mitterrand, President of Danielle Mitterrand Foundation (France-libertés)

The mullahs' regime in Iran is a dictatorship that rules by terror and denial of the value of human life. It massacres, as was the case in 1988, but it represses, imprisons, tortures, and also executes on a daily basis.

It kills in the streets, like last November, where 1,500 demonstra-

tors were summarily shot; it kills in prisons where death row is full of political prisoners sentenced to death after torture and forced confessions, on the mullahs' charge of "war against God".

This huge meeting today proposes an alternative for universal values,

including the abolition of the death penalty, free elections, equality for women, religions, and ethnicities, separation of religion and state, and a foreign policy based on peaceful coexistence and a non-nuclear Iran. That's why we support Maryam Rajavi's Ten-Point Plan for the free Iran of tomorrow.

Martin Patzelt, Member of the German Federal Parliament (Bundestag)

The Iranian regime's officials are warning about the coming of a great uprising; a tornado of public anger. The regime is responsible for this tornado because of 40 years of crimes and corruption.

To Germany and the E.U., I say that we must side with all demo-

cratic forces inside and outside the country to support change in Iran. There is an alternative within reach that is not built around violence. President-elect Maryam Rajavi represents this alternative through her Ten-Point Plan.



To the people of Iran and especially the young generation that is organizing the resistance movement for freedom, I want to say that I salute your courage and sacrifices. Your peaceful resistance will not be in vain.



Struan Stevenson, Former MEP and Coordinator of the Campaign for Iran Change

We need a new policy on Iran and an end to the business-as-usual appeasement. This is a regime that boasts about its missiles and is racing to build nuclear weapons.

This regime has slaughtered 120,000 people since 1979 and 30,000 people in the summer of

1988. The executions were carried out based on a fatwa by regime founder Ruhollah Khomeini.

Iran is also one of the most pro-western countries in the region. But they are ruled by corrupt mullahs who only want to further enhance their own lavish lifestyles. The people are sick of a regime that has bankrupted their country.

Europe must show that we support the Iranian people and the <u>MEK</u> and NCRI. We must show support for Maryam Rajavi and her ten-point plan.

Lacy Clay, a Member of US House of Representatives

Together, we call for a firm policy on the current Iranian regime, as Tehran has increased repression at home and aggression in the region. I support Mrs. Rajavi and her TenPoint Plan for a free, democratic, and non-nuclear republic.

The work of NCRI and other Iranian organizations ensures that the



Iran of the future dose has an alternative with clear leadership, a plan, and organizational capabilities to develop a free Iran.



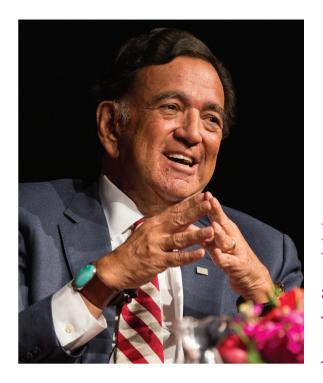
Sali Berisha – Former Prime Minister of Albania

I have seen and thought many times about the Ten-point Plan of Madame President Rajavi. It's a plan inspired by the ideals of your 100,000 martyrs. It's a plan based on universal values which make countries and societies free and great. It's a plan which will make Iran a great country, a great friend of free nations. Definitely, I fully support and I am convinced that you will prevail in Iran.



Sheila Jackson Lee, a Member of US House of Representatives (D-TX),

President-Elect Rajavi: I am proud to support your Ten-Point Plan for the future of Iran, which ensures freedom of parties and assembly, abolition of the death penalty, separation of church and state, gender equality, and several other promising policy positions that will thrust Iran into the future. The Iranian people deserve the type of democratic change that will produce economic growth and support a prosperous Iranian community globally.



Bill Richardson, Former U.S. Secretary of Energy and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations

I'm going to conclude with a Ten-Point plan because I want you to listen to it, because it sounds very much, most of it, like America. It sounds like democracy. And I want you to absorb what this Ten-Point Plan means because if there's a free Iran and a free election, this is what will happen.

First, universal suffrage. The future is decided by the ballot, not by dictatorships.

Number two, democracy and human rights. Standing for freedom of assembly and freedom of speech. Standing for the human rights of people.

Number three, the abolition of the death penalty. No executions. A judicial system that works.

Number four, the separation of church and state. Making sure that religious minorities, all kinds of human rights minorities, are protected. No matter who you are, no matter where you came from.

Number five, gender equality with women being in leadership positions. More leadership positions than exist today. I think this is the strength of this movement, the women that for years have done the political work, the suffering, dealing with their families, and this is a community that supports gender equality and human rights and especially women in leadership positions. Respect for the rule of law and justice. Respect for a constitu-

tion. The rights of human beings. Protecting gender equality no matter who you are. Also, international statutes. Respect for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the United Nations charter. That is strength. That is human rights. That is the State Department. That is America's foreign policy. That is a foreign policy that every nation that signs the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Recognizing private property. Market economies. Entrepreneurship. Women businesses. Businesses that flourish. Agriculture. Those neglected economic cycles have taken place in Iran. And then, finally, a non-nuclear Iran. Free of nuclear weapons.



Tom Ridge, The first US Secretary of Homeland Security

In our embrace of a free Iran, our embrace of the NCRI, our embrace of the values system they propose in the Ten-Point Plan, that it's just so consistent with the core

values of this great country—the freedoms and opportunities that all of us enjoy.



Ted Poe, Former Member of US House of Representatives

She is the President-in-exile, as I call her, for the MEK. And wanted to hear from her firsthand the history of the MEK and what the Plan was for when the government finally becomes under the control of the citizens. And so, we invited her to testify. ... And this was a bipartisan

request, the members of Congress, to have her testify by satellite. And she enlightened us on the Plan for the country being taken by the resistance and the people of Iran. And she gave us a Ten-Point plan which is very good, which is about as democratic as Jefferson would like it to

be, talking about the basic human rights that the new Plan, Ten-Point Plan would present. So, she presented all that and made awareness to the American people about what has taken place to a group of wonderful people across the land.



The U.S. House Resolution 1034

H. Res.1034- Introduced by Mr. McClintock (for himself, Mr. Gosar, and Mr. Poe of Texas) and 91 co-sponsors, "Condemning Iranian state-sponsored terrorism and expressing support for the Iranian people's desire for a democratic, secular, and non-nuclear republic

of Iran." The resolution notes, "On July 2, 2018, the Belgium Federal Prosecutor's Office announced the foiling of a terrorist plot against the "Free Iran 2018 – the Alternative" gathering held on June 30, 2018, commenced to show support for the Iranian opposition leader Mrs.

Maryam Rajavi's Ten-point plan for future Iran, that calls for the universal right to vote, free elections, and advocates gender, religious and ethnic equality, and adheres to a market economy."

Theresa Villiers, Member of the British Parliament



Let us all hope that one day Mrs. Rajavi is able to put into effect her Ten-Point Plan, and finally, we will see an Iran which is free of the brutal repression of the mullahs, free of

the cruelty and human rights abuse to which it's been subjected for far too long, and free at last to pursue a democratic future where men and women have an equal chance to follow their dreams, make their own choices, and succeed in whichever field of life they want to.

MARYAM RAJAVI'S PLAN FOR FUTURE IRAN IN 10 POINTS

- 1. Rejection of velayat-e faqih (absolute clerical rule). Affirmation of the people's sovereignty in a republic founded on universal suffrage and pluralism;
- 2. Freedom of speech, freedom of political parties, freedom of assembly, freedom of the press and the internet. Dissolution and disbanding of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), the terrorist Qods Force, plainclothes groups, the unpopular Bassij, the Ministry of Intelligence, Council of the Cultural Revolution, and all suppressive patrols and institutions in cities, villages, schools, universities, offices, and factories;
- 3. Commitment to individual and social freedoms and rights in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Humans Rights. Disbanding all agencies in charge of censorship and inquisition. Seeking justice for massacred political prisoners, prohibition of torture, and the abolishment of the death penalty;
- 4. Separation of religion and state, and freedom of religions and faiths;
- 5. Complete gender equality in the realms of political, social, cultural, and economic rights, and equal participation of women in political leadership. Abolishment of any form of discrimination; the right to choose one's own clothing freely; the right to freely marry and divorce, and to obtain education and employment. Prohibition of all forms of exploitation against women under any pretext;
- 6. An independent judiciary and legal system consistent with international standards based on the presumption of innocence, the right to defense counsel, right of appeal, and the right to be tried in a public court. Full independence of judges. Abolishment of the mullahs' Sharia law and dissolution of Islamic Revolutionary Courts;
- 7. Autonomy for and removal of double injustices against Iranian nationalities and ethnicities consistent with the NCRI's plan for the autonomy of Iranian Kurdistan;
- 8. Justice and equal opportunities in the realms of employment and entrepreneurship for all people of Iran in a free market economy. Restoration of the rights of blue-collar workers, farmers, nurses, white-collar workers, teachers, and retirees;
- 9. Protection and rehabilitation of the environment, which has been massacred under the rule of the mullahs:
- 10. A non-nuclear Iran that is also devoid of weapons of mass destruction. Peace, co-existence, and international and regional cooperation.