



Joint Statement by Nobel Laureates

In Support of Advancing Democracy and Sustainable Peace in Iran

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We, the Nobel laureates, with profound respect for the rich history and culture of the Iranian people, reemphasize that the people of this land have struggled for more than a century for freedom, the rule of law, and human dignity. Successive generations have paid a heavy price in their pursuit of a government that is accountable and grounded in the will of the people.

In January, we strongly condemned the heartbreaking massacre of thousands in Iran, individuals who had taken to the streets in more than 400 cities to demand freedom. This massacre, which shocked and horrified the world, was carried out on the orders of Ali Khamenei, the regime's Supreme Leader. Now, in light of recent developments and Khamenei's death, the people of Iran and the international community are more hopeful than ever for the realization of freedom and democracy in Iran.

The Iranian people have clearly rejected both monarchical dictatorship and clerical rule and instead are calling for a democratic republic. We believe that the path to democracy in Iran must avoid war and foreign military intervention and must rest on free elections and the protection of the rights of the people. Iran's future should be determined by the Iranian people themselves, neither through coercion nor through the re-creation of tyranny in any form. In this context, the announcement of a provisional government by the National Council of Resistance of Iran, an alliance comprising various political organizations and figures aimed at transferring sovereignty to the people and organizing free elections, and

outlined in a 10-point plan presented by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, represents an important step and a significant development underscoring a commitment to a democratic transition.

Previously, 105 Nobel laureates and more than 4,000 parliamentarians, including majorities from numerous national legislatures such as those of the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Canada, Norway, as well as the U.S. Congress along with 130 former heads of state and government, endorsed this 10-point plan. We stand in alignment with them.

This plan affirms free and fair elections, a market-based economy, the separation of religion and state, gender, religious, and ethnic equality, a peaceful foreign policy, and a non-nuclear Iran. It outlines a vision for a democratic Iran and lasting peace in the Middle East.

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