



## Policy Recommendations

### **Firm policy on Iran, Support for democratic opposition, NCRI**

We, the undersigned, members of the House of Commons and House of Lords from all parties call on Her Majesty's Government to review its policy on Iran. We believe the current crisis in the region, including the clearly growing influence of Iran in Iraq and Syria, and the growing threat of Islamic extremism, make such a policy review a priority.

Iran has the highest per capita execution rate in the world. Political suppression has intensified over the past two years. Iran continues with its destructive meddling in Iraq, Syria and Yemen.

Our government along with our Western allies has pursued a conciliatory policy with Iran, hoping that would encourage the Iranian regime to change its behaviour. In this respect the Iranian opposition and the desire of the Iranian people for change were ignored. It is time to scrap that misguided approach. In this respect we make the following suggestions:

First, human rights must be a central factor in our relations with Iran. Human rights cannot be decoupled from the nuclear discussions. We must make it clear to rulers of Iran that their behaviour towards their own people is unacceptable. We must not turn a blind eye to the grave violation of human rights in Iran. On the contrary, expressions of concern about the human rights situation in Iran must be a priority in any bilateral relationship.

Second, regarding the nuclear issue, the Iranian regime should provide unfettered "anytime, anywhere" access to all the sites, military and non-military and to all its nuclear scientists. It should relieve all the concerns about the possible military dimensions of its nuclear programme, pertaining to the present or the past, prior to any sanctions relief. There should be zero tolerance for any infringement of the nuclear agreement by Tehran.

Third, we should support our allies in the region to stand up against Iran's growing meddling. Iran has been and remains the source of instability in the region.

Fourth, we need to engage with Iran's democratic opposition, the National Council of Resistance of Iran. We fully support the ten-point platform of Mrs. Maryam Rajavi calling for a democratic and non-nuclear Iran with separation of religion and state, gender equality and elimination of all religious and ethnic discrimination.

In addition, in confronting Islamic extremism and fundamentalism, we need to engage with moderate forces within the Islamic world. The Iranian opposition movement, led by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, a Muslim woman, and with the People's Mojahedin Organisation of Iran, PMOI, as the main component of the movement, offers a rational alternative to Islamic extremism.

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