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Reinforcing our belief that the Islamic Republic of Iran is a direct threat to global security and order and must immediately halt its pursuit of a nuclear weapons capability;

Whereas, since at least the late 1980s, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has engaged in a sustained and well-documented pattern of illicit and deceptive activities to acquire a nuclear weapons capability;

Whereas, since September 2005, the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has found the Islamic Republic of Iran to be in non-compliance with its safeguards agreement with the IAEA;

Whereas the United Nations Security Council has adopted multiple resolutions since 2006 demanding of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran its full and sustained suspension of all uranium enrichment-related and reprocessing activities and its full cooperation with the IAEA on all outstanding issues related to its nuclear activities, particularly those concerning the possible military dimensions of its nuclear program;

Whereas Iran and the P5+1 have concluded a first step agreement that constricts Iran's nuclear program;

Whereas the United States has designated the Islamic Republic of Iran as a state sponsor of terrorism since 1984 and has repeatedly characterized the Islamic Republic of Iran as the "most active state sponsor of terrorism" in the world;

Whereas the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has provided weapons, training, funding, and direction to terrorist groups, including Hamas, Hizballah, and Shiite militias in Iraq that are responsible for the murder of hundreds of allied service members and innocent civilians;

Whereas the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has provided weapons, training, funding and political support to the regime of Bashar al Assad that has been used to suppress and murder its own people;

Whereas the Government of Iran stands in violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for denying its citizens basic freedoms, including the freedoms of expression, religion, peaceful assembly and movement, and for flagrantly abusing the rights of minorities and women;

Whereas, in June 2013, Hassan Rouhani was elected to the position of President of Iran from a field of six candidates, while nearly 700 individuals seeking the office were rejected after screening by Iran's 12-member Guardian Council, undermining a free and fair democratic election process;

Whereas, since the 1979 revolution in Iran, the leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran have repeatedly made threats against the existence of the State of Israel and sponsored acts of terrorism and violence against its citizens;

Whereas, in February 2012, Supreme Leader of Iran Ali Khamenei said of Israel, "The Zionist regime is a true cancer tumor on this region that should be cut off. And it definitely will be cut off.";

Whereas, in August 2012, Supreme Leader Khamenei said of Israel, "This bogus and fake Zionist outgrowth will disappear off the landscape of geography.";

Whereas, as recently as November, 2013, while speaking to a group of students, Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei stated, "We consider the Zionist regime illegitimate and bastard." ;

Whereas, in being a free and sovereign state, Israel has a right to self-defense. As U.S. President Obama stated in May, 2011, "Every state has the right to self-defense, and Israel must be able to defend itself, by itself, against any threat."

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

The International Council of Jewish Parliamentarians (ICJP) condemns Iran for its violations of the basic human rights of its citizens;

The ICJP denounces Iran for its ongoing sponsorship and support for international terrorism and terrorist groups;

The ICJP strongly denounces efforts by the Islamic Republic of Iran to delegitimize and threaten the State of Israel and destabilize the broader Middle East;

The ICJP denounces Iran for its incitement to hatred, anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial;

The ICJP reaffirms that Iran must never be allowed to acquire a nuclear weapons capability and that the nations of the world should work to actively prevent Iran from acquiring that capability through diplomacy and economic sanctions, while making clear that all options remain on the table;

The ICJP reaffirms that Iran must cease and desist from its nuclear enrichment program in accordance with United Nations Security Council resolutions;

The ICJP reaffirms its strong and enduring support for the State of Israel and its right to defend itself.