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Your Excellency,

On behalf of American Jewish Committee (AJC), I write to urge your government to activate the snapback sanctions mechanism against Iran under United Nations Security Council Resolution 2231. The danger posed by the regime is not theoretical—it is clear, present, and escalating through its non-compliance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), with direct implications for European and global security.

The world witnessed the horrifying consequences of the Iranian regime's sponsorship of terrorism on October 7, 2023, when Hamas—armed, trained, and financed by Iran—carried out a barbaric massacre against innocent Israeli civilians. More than 1,200 men, women, and children were slaughtered in cold blood, and more than 250 others were taken hostage. This atrocity was not an isolated act of extremism, but the product of years of calculated strategic, ideological, and financial support from Tehran.

While Israel, with vital support from the United States, succeeded in striking portions of Iran's nuclear infrastructure in June, these efforts alone are insufficient to halt the regime's nuclear ambitions in the long term. Following the strikes, the regime announced it would further accelerate uranium enrichment in defiance of its obligations under the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), its own commitments under the JCPOA, and the June 12 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors censure resolution.

Iran is pursuing nuclear capability not only to threaten the destruction of the Jewish state but also to expand and protect its vast international terror network—from Hezbollah in Lebanon to Hamas in Gaza, the Houthis in Yemen, and Islamic militias across Syria and Iraq. These groups continue to destabilize the region, threaten global shipping lanes, and target Western assets.

Europe is already within reach of this threat. Iranian agents have been linked to assassination plots, hostage-taking, bombings, and terror financing on European soil. A nuclear-armed Iran would dramatically heighten these dangers, granting the regime the ability to coerce, intimidate, and blackmail the West with impunity.

Crucially, Iran is a strategic military ally of Russia in its war of aggression against Ukraine. Iranian-made drones have been used to terrorize Ukrainian civilians, destroy critical energy infrastructure, and aid Russia's illegal invasion.

If the Iranian regime does not reverse course immediately, the E3 not only has the legal authority but the moral responsibility to trigger snapback sanctions without further delay. In this context, we welcome the commitment of the E3—alongside the United States—to set an August deadline for a final decision on triggering this provision.

We remain hopeful that the E3 will activate the mechanism expeditiously, in close coordination with the United States.

Respectfully,

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