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### **CSRI Condemns the report by the Council of Foreign Relations Task Force on Iran**

The Committee for Support Referendum in Iran condemns the report published by the Council of Foreign Relations Task Force on Iran on July 19, 2004.

CSRI finds the report completely biased toward an appeasement policy and void of valid information on current political situation in Iran. As well, the report lacks analysis on outcomes of a similar policy by European governments for the past decade and why such a policy did not prevent Iran from expanding its dreadful network of terror all around the world and pursuing nuclear weapons.

The task force report severely lacks information about the political situation in Iran. The report ironically declares that "The Islamic Republic appears to be solidly entrenched and the country is not on the brink of revolutionary upheaval". However, just last February the Iranian people sent a message to the world that they support no faction in the Iranian government by boycotting the parliamentary elections in February. The report also lacks information on daily uprisings by workers, teachers, nurses and students. It fails to mention that the methods of "entrenchment" for the tyrannical regime of Tehran includes relentless abuse of human rights, inhumane punishments, mass murders and export of terrorism.

The task force report suggests on numerous occasions to "exploring areas of common interests with Iran, while continuing to contest objectionable policy", without specifying what areas of common interest might exist between any government of the free world and a tyrannical dictatorship. It does not define the "objectionable policies" as well and does not provide methods to contest them. The report proposes, "offering more carrots and fewer sticks" to the Mullahs of Iran, without specifying the reasons that the terrorist Mullahs of Iran should be encouraged for. The report ends with the message: "Do not pursue a regime change in Iran, but promote democracy within the existing regime".

This report white washes Iran of all its terrorist activities, severe abuse of human rights, promoting and financing international terrorism, fueling insurgencies in Iraq and pursuing nuclear weapons. It suggests strengthening the tyrannical regime of Iran by engaging in negotiations, providing nuclear information and disbanding Iran's main opposition group. The task force report proposes a Russian Rulet policy with Iran with dire consequences to the United States and the world. Apart from escalating human rights abuse in Iran, such policies will only prove to Iran that terrorism and blackmailing can amplify their power. Such policies will give the necessary time to Iran to build its nuclear arsenal and start negotiations on its own terms. The Iranian government and the terrorist groups under its umbrella can achieve nuclear weapons by 2005 as a result of such appeasement policies. This is a grave danger to the world, which is highly underestimated in the Task Force report.

The foundation of what Dr. Brzezinski and other members of the council are suggesting have already been shaken by the outcome of the investigation led by the congressional bi-partisan 9/11 commission. The commission has found sound intelligence showing the connection between the Mullahs in Tehran and the Al-Qaida members who plotted and executed the September 11 terrorist attacks. Amazingly the Task Force committee is still looking for "common interests with terrorists with proven record in mass murder such as Khobar bombings and now possibly 9/11 attacks. This again stems from the lack of understanding of the committee members of the situation in Iran. Iran has been compared to China and Soviet Unions, where none of those governments took pride in sponsoring the global terrorism.

The committee has to explain that why the United States should support the brutal regime of Iran, while promoting democracy in Iraq, Afghanistan and the rest of the world. This will cause great disappointment among the Iranian people towards the United States. Dr. Brzezinski should remember that perhaps similar recommendations led President Carter to claim Iran "Island of Stability", just several months before Shah's fall.

Indeed this is the time to decide on a policy on Iran. The United States can choose an appeasement policy, already tried by the European countries and failed, which will lead in empowering the Mullahs of Iran and quite possibly a nuclear disaster for the world. Another alternative is to eliminate the source of terrorism and tension in the world, by supporting the movement of Iranian people for freedom and democracy and respect their will for a humanly life. The Mullahs face massive opposition from Iranian people who have an organized and willful resistance inside and abroad. These factors will overpower the Iranian regime, if the foreign governments stop supporting the Mullahs.

CSRI urges the Task Force Committee to revise its report in light of updated and correct information on political situation in Iran and the consequences of empowering the terrorist regime of Iran to the world.

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