

## **Open Letter to the Leaders of Democratic Nations**

To the Leaders of the United States, Canada, the European Union, and all democratic partners committed to global peace, stability, and human dignity,

We, the undersigned organisations and representatives of Iranian communities inside Iran and across the global diaspora, write to you at a defining moment in our nation's modern history. The Iranian people are engaged in a nationwide struggle for democratic self-determination, and the international community now faces a moral and strategic responsibility to stand with them.

For forty seven years, the Islamic Republic has demonstrated through its structure, ideology, and actions that it is incapable of reform. Its governing model is rooted in systemic corruption, repression, and theocratic absolutism, and the result has been decades of state violence, widespread human rights violations, and policies widely regarded as destabilising both within Iran and across the Middle East. The regime's actions have contributed to regional conflict, global insecurity, and a persistent cycle of instability that affects democratic nations and international institutions alike. Recent events have made it unmistakably clear that a stable Middle East is essential for global security, and that such stability cannot be achieved while the Islamic Republic remains in power.

Today, the people of Iran have made their position unmistakably clear. Tens of millions inside the country have taken to the streets in sustained demonstrations, and hundreds of thousands across the world have gathered in solidarity. These global expressions of unity reflect a single, categorical message, the Iranian people reject the Islamic Republic in its entirety and demand a democratic, secular, and representative system of governance.

All of these demonstrators have expressed their support for Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi as the leading figure capable of guiding the transition. His long-standing advocacy for national unity, secular governance, and democratic principles has earned him broad public trust. Crucially, he is recognised by many Iranians as a unifying national figure who can help steer the country through a peaceful and orderly transition.

This support spans the full spectrum of political beliefs, including republicans, monarchists, and those who simply seek a democratic future free from authoritarian rule. These groups are united in the conviction that the ultimate form of governance must be determined by the Iranian people themselves through a free, transparent, and internationally supervised referendum. This commitment to democratic choice is central to the vision for Iran's future.

Support for Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi extends beyond public demonstrations. Many Iranians within state institutions, government ministries, and professional sectors view him as the only viable figure capable of ensuring continuity, stability, and national cohesion during the transition period. This widespread institutional confidence is essential for preventing administrative collapse and ensuring that, the day after the regime falls, Iran can move immediately towards a functioning transitional government.

Under this vision, the transitional government would draw heavily on experienced civil servants, technocrats, and professionals already working within Iran's ministries and state organisations. These individuals have long been sidelined by politically appointed ministers chosen for loyalty to the IRGC or past involvement in violent activities rather than competence or expertise. Empowering these professionals ensures continuity of essential services, minimises disruption, and allows the country to stabilise quickly.

Furthermore, Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi has introduced the Iran Prosperity Project, a comprehensive framework outlining concrete proposals for economic recovery, institutional rebuilding, and long-term development. This plan reflects a serious, structured, and forward-looking approach to reviving Iran's economy and restoring the country's rightful place in the global community.

In light of these realities, we respectfully and firmly call upon the international community to:

1. Publicly affirm the legitimacy of the Iranian people's demands for freedom, democracy, and secular governance.
2. Initiate formal dialogue with Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi as a central figure supported by a significant portion of the Iranian population and trusted across key institutions.
3. Recognise and support his transitional team as a credible, practical, and widely backed framework for a provisional government capable of ensuring stability from the first day of transition.
4. Take coordinated diplomatic and political measures to support a peaceful transition that restores security, regional stability, and respect for international norms.

The Iranian people have shown extraordinary courage and unity. They have articulated their choice for leadership during the transition, and they have presented a clear path towards a democratic future. What they require now is principled engagement from the world's democratic nations with those who genuinely represent their aspirations.

History is offering a rare moment of clarity. The opportunity to support a peaceful, democratic transition in Iran is within reach. The time for decisive action is now.

Respectfully,

Names of Organisations and Signatories





