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SUBJECT: Congratulations on Assuming the Office of Prime Minister and a Call for Strategic Leadership on Iran

Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Association of Iranian Human Rights and Allies, we offer our warmest congratulations on your election as Leader of the Labour Party and your subsequent assumption of the office of Prime Minister. You take the helm at a defining moment in British history, tasked with the profound responsibility of leading this great nation toward a more prosperous, just, and secure future. We wish you fortitude, wisdom, and success as you guide the country forward.

Your premiership presents a vital opportunity to rectify the strategic and moral missteps of the previous administration. For too long, UK foreign policy has been characterised by a hesitant approach to global tyranny, often prioritising short-term diplomatic passivity over long-term geopolitical clarity. The time has come for the United Kingdom to reclaim its rightful position as a vanguard of the free world. To save itself from the creeping instability of a fractured global order, Britain must once again take the lead in international politics, aggressively shaping a world order that benefits democratic nations rather than appeasing our enemies.

Central to this resurgence is a decisive pivot in the UK's stance toward the Islamic Republic of Iran. The brutal theocracy in Tehran is not merely a tragedy for the Iranian people, it is a direct, malignant threat to the national security, social cohesion, and economic interests of the United Kingdom.

We urge your government to stand unequivocally with the Iranian people in their courageous, ongoing struggle for fundamental freedom under leadership of Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi. The Labour Party has traditionally always stood alongside the oppressed throughout history, defending those fighting against tyranny and injustice. It is now time for Labour to return to its roots and firmly support the oppressed Iranian people in their hour of need. A free, secular, and democratic Iran is not just a moral imperative, it is a massive strategic advantage for the United Kingdom.

Aligning with the millions of Iranians demanding the overthrow of their oppressors honours Britain's historic legacy as a defender of human rights and liberty, whereas continued engagement with a regime that hangs dissidents and funds global terror diminishes the UK's standing on the world stage. Furthermore, a democratic Iran will immediately transform from

an unpredictable sponsor of global instability into a robust, reliable partner. Ending the regional disruption caused by the current regime will stabilise vital trade routes, secure energy markets, and open immense bilateral economic opportunities for a forward-looking Britain.

To achieve this, the UK must act firmly. Confronting theocracies like the Islamic Republic is no longer an optional foreign policy objective, it is an urgent necessity to protect the free world and to champion the cause of global freedom.

We believe the current advice being received within government fails to reflect reality and remains entirely detached from what is happening on the ground, a disconnect that is directly contributing to the worsening situation in the world by the day. Consequently, we respectfully request a brief appointment to meet with you to discuss these critical matters in person and offer an accurate perspective from those connected to the front line of this struggle.

We wish you the very best in your leadership and look forward to hearing from your office to arrange a suitable time to meet.

Yours sincerely,

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