

**Proposal by Iran**  
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**I - General Principles**

1. The E3/EU and Iran restate their respect for each other's sovereign equality and the right to freely choose and develop their political, social, economic and cultural systems.
2. The E3/EU and Iran emphasize their rejection of any threat or use of force against each other's national sovereignty, territorial integrity or political independence. No consideration may be invoked to justify resort to the threat or use of force in contravention of this principle. They will refrain from participating, assisting or supporting any act constituting a threat of force or direct or indirect use of force against each other individually or collectively.
3. The E3/EU and Iran underline the inviolability of their respective internationally recognized boundaries and will reject any attempt to infringe or alter them.
4. The E3/EU and Iran will settle disputes among them by peaceful means in such a manner as not to endanger international peace and security, and justice. They will endeavor in good faith and a spirit of cooperation to reach rapid and equitable solution to all disputes on the basis of international law and will refrain from any action which might aggravate the situation.
5. The E3/EU and Iran will refrain from engaging in, supporting or assisting any intervention, direct or indirect, individual or collective, in

their respective internal or external affairs, regardless of their mutual relations. They will in all circumstances refrain from any act of military, or of political, economic or other coercion designed to subordinate to their own interest the exercise by another party of the rights inherent in its sovereignty and thus to secure advantage of any kind. Accordingly, they will refrain from direct or indirect assistance to terrorist or subversive activities against each other.

## **II. Elimination and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction**

6. Iran and the E3/EU reaffirm their commitment to all relevant international instruments on the elimination and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and underline the imperative of universal adherence to these instruments.
7. The two sides restate their commitment to elimination as well as countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, nuclear, biological and chemical, through full compliance with their obligations under relevant international disarmament and non-proliferation treaties and agreements.
8. Iran remains committed not to pursue nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction under any circumstances.
9. The E3/EU undertake, individually or collectively, to reject the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons against Iran, and to take all appropriate measures, individually, collectively and through the UNSC to prevent it.

10. The E3/EU and Iran underline the inviolability of peaceful and safeguarded nuclear facilities. They reject any direct or indirect attack or sabotage or threats thereof against Iranian nuclear facilities, which would warrant effective and practical action by the Security Council in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations.
11. The two sides share the concern about proliferation of nuclear weapons in the region and in the Middle East and commit themselves to pursue rigorously establishment of Middle East NWFZ.

### **III - Combating Terrorism**

12. The E3/EU and Iran condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and affirm their determination to combat it.
13. The E3/EU and Iran decide to intensify and accelerate the exchange of operational information, especially regarding actions or movement of terrorist persons or groups, forged or falsified travel documents, traffic in arms, explosives or sensitive materials, use of communications technologies, and the threat posed by possession of WMD by terrorist groups.
14. Iran and the E3/EU will deny safe haven to those who finance, plan, support, or commit terrorist acts and prevent them from using their respective territories for those purposes and will cooperate to bring them to justice.
15. Iran and the E3/EU will provide one another the greatest measure of assistance in connection with criminal investigation or criminal proceedings relating to the financing or support of terrorist acts.

16. Iran and the E3/EU will cooperate in preventing the movement of terrorists or terrorist groups by effective border controls and controls on issuance of identity papers and travel documents, and through measures for preventing counterfeiting, forgery of fraudulent use of identity papers and travel documents.
17. Iran and the E3/EU restate their commitment to continue to freeze the funds and other financial assets or economic resources of persons who commit, or attempt to commit, terrorist acts or participate in or facilitate the commission of terrorist acts; of entities owned or controlled directly or indirectly by such persons; and of persons and entities acting on behalf of, or at the direction of such persons and entities, including funds derived or generated from property owned or controlled directly or indirectly by such persons and associated persons and entities.
18. Iran and the E3/EU will cooperate, in conformity with international law, in order to ensure that refugee status is not abused by the perpetrators, organizers or facilitators of terrorist acts, and that claims of political motivations are not recognized as grounds for refusing requests for the extradition of alleged terrorists.
19. Iran and the E3/EU express their determination to scrupulously apply the above and all other provisions of the relevant Security Council resolutions equally to Al Qaeda and MeK and their affiliates and front organizations.
20. The E3/EU and Iran will establish regular contacts between their intelligence services, individually or collectively as appropriate, to

ensure the implementation of the above decision, exchange information and define particular areas of cooperation.

#### **IV- Sustainable Partnership on Regional Issues**

21. The E3/EU and Iran underline that security and stability of the Persian Gulf region can only be attained through cooperation among countries in the region, and will therefore support the establishment of arrangements for security and cooperation in the Persian Gulf Region with the participation of all countries in the region, under appropriate United Nations umbrella.
22. Iran and the E3/EU underline the imperative of respect for principles of international law and bi-lateral and multilateral treaties in the relations among countries of the Persian Gulf, including respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, national unity and political independence, rejection of resort to the threat or use of force, non-interference in the internal and external affairs, and inviolability of internationally recognized boundaries.
23. The E3/EU and Iran will intensify their consultations with respect to other important regional issues particularly Iraq and Afghanistan, in promoting stability and security in the region. They will lend their full support for the finalization of the political process in these countries including holding of nation-wide elections, aimed at the establishment of democratic, stable and broad-based governments which coexist peacefully with their neighbors.

**V - Security and Defense Cooperation**

24. The E3/EU and Iran will cooperate in promoting peace and security at the global and regional levels. They recognize that destabilization and threats to peace and security particularly in the Persian Gulf region is of direct consequences for security of both parties and should be avoided.
25. The E3/EU reaffirms the inherent right of Iran to acquire legitimate means for self-defense pursuant to Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations. The E3/EU decide to remove restrictions against the transfer of conventional armaments and their relevant sensitive dual use goods and technologies to Iran, and ensure that any export control arrangement will not impede bona fide transactions with Iran for legitimate self-defense and civil purposes.
26. Iran and the E3/EU decide to establish a senior expert level group with the participation of their respective military officials to carry out intensive consultations on defense issues, including defense requirements of Iran and the framework of their mutual defense cooperation.
27. The E3/EU and Iran reaffirm that an effective fight against drug-trafficking and terrorism not only require political will but the capacity to do so. The E3/EU recognize that Iran should be supported as a country in a region which is highly affected by drug-trafficking and terrorism.
28. The E3/EU will remove restrictions and provide military, police and border control assistance to enhance Iran's counter-terrorism and drug enforcement capacities.

29. The E3/EU and Iran will establish a coordination mechanism with the participation of their relevant national and regional agencies including police, enforcement and operational officers responsible for combating terrorism and drug-trafficking, to coordinate their cooperation in these fields and to assess, identify and meet the necessary requirements to enhance Iran's capacities in these areas.

#### **VI- Cooperation in the Area of Export Control**

30. The E3/EU and Iran agree that transfer of highly sensitive materials, devices and technology should not contribute to the development and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, particularly nuclear weapons.
31. Iran undertakes to adopt legal, procedural and other measures to prevent unauthorized access to its nuclear capability and enrichment technology by any individual, group or state and uncontrolled export to other states.
32. The E3/EU and Iran decide to cooperate actively in the area of export control and to exchange expertise and knowledge to assist Iran to put in place an effective national export of control related sensitive material, equipment and technology, and containing enforcement procedures with appropriate penalties which could contribute to the development and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
33. Iran and the E3/EU decide to establish a high level expert group for the exchange of expertise in the area of export control and to address any possible problem which may arise with respect to the transfer of any item, including through agreement on practical measures to be adopted

by recipient and suppliers to satisfy the legitimate concerns for the purpose of ensuring the transfer and preventing the denial.

**VII. Interim Measures**

34. The two sides agree that pending an overall agreement, they will form the mechanisms envisaged above for defense, counter-terrorism, counter-trafficking and export control cooperation, to meet periodically in Iran and Europe beginning immediately and as a matter of priority identify specific measures to be reported to the second meeting of the Steering Committee for implementation