

**“ Nuclear Energy for All,
Nuclear Weapons for None”**

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Brief review of the history of nuclear energy in Iran:

Iran's initial efforts to gain access to nuclear technology date back to 1950's. Iran joined International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in 1958 and ratified the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) in 1968.

After the victory of the Islamic Revolution in 1979, Western countries reneged on their treaty and contractual commitments and caused huge losses for Iran by applying double standards and discriminative policies. These policies were being applied while Iran remained committed to NPT and even increased its cooperation with IAEA despite the fact that NPT was signed and ratified by the previous regime.

Even with the positive approach and good cooperation of the Islamic Republic of Iran with International Atomic Energy Agency and clear positions of the highest religious and political leader of the country concerning the prohibition of production, stockpiling and use of nuclear weapons as well as reports by the IAEA inspectors concerning 7000 man-day inspections and more than 100 unannounced snap inspections, and their official announcements that no evidence has been found indicating diversion of nuclear material toward military objectives. Regrettably, Iran's case has been removed from technical and scientific phase and brought into security and political phase, resulting in a condemnation of Iran by the United Nations Security Council.

This paper that you have in your hands today is the collection of views, edicts and fatwas by the Eminent Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning use of nuclear energy and prohibition of nuclear arms according to Islamic teachings and precepts. By reading this paper, it is hoped that those who are truly righteous and seek true peace disseminate the just and humanitarian call of the Islamic

Republic of Iran to all the elite, opinion leaders and the peoples of the world. They have a right to hear the facts without distortion and then make their judgment. I pray to the beneficent God to help us all build a world free from nuclear armaments and weapons of mass destruction.

Inalienable right of States to have access to and use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes

- The assertion by the other side that Iran "wants to build nuclear weapon" is a deception. Is nuclear weapon their real concern? The quarrel over nuclear issue of Iran is not over nuclear weapon. Their real intention is to deprive people of Iran of their inalienable and undeniable right to have nuclear enrichment and peaceful uses of nuclear technology. No need to say that they will not be able to do this and people of Iran will exercise what it considers as its right. ¹
- Atomic and nuclear technology is not tantamount to building atomic bomb. Nuclear technology is scientific advancement in a field that has many benefits. ²
- Nuclear energy and the ability to produce nuclear fuel will be a clear and definite need for Iran in a not very distant future. If people of Iran fail to produce nuclear fuel today, some years later when the younger generation enters the employment market and the population of the country is larger by millions of people, they will have no choice but to extend their hands to strangers and even maybe to their enemies. It is like if we had no oil today; oil is a finite and non-renewable asset. Oil will not be with us forever. ³
- What our researchers, scientists and government of Iran are doing in the field of nuclear energy emanate from great sense of responsibility and are major achievements. Their purpose is to prevent dependence on outsiders and to protect national independence. ⁴
- It is generally accepted at the intentional level that Iran will stand firmly and will not concede on its inalienable right to have nuclear energy. ⁵

- Nuclear energy is a long-term imperative and necessity of the country. ⁶
- They pretend to be on the side of scientific progress and globalization of science, but stand against scientific progress in the Islamic world and consider the growth of peaceful nuclear technology in Islamic countries as a cardinal sin. ⁷
- Nuclear energy is a precious technology, a product of highly advanced knowledge and necessary for people's life. Many power plants in advanced nations are nuclear. Power generation is one of the benefits of nuclear technology and knowledge, and places the country at an advantageous position. They want to deprive people of Iran of this advantage. This is their real intention, but fictitiously say that we are afraid Iran may make an atomic bomb. They know well that making a bomb is not part of our plan. ⁸
- The purpose behind Western, especially Americans, propaganda on Iran's nuclear activities is to deprive our people of scientific and technological progress. This is an inalienable right of the people of Iran. It is both science and technology, good for the environment and has many medical applications. It is both a hope and a vision of progress for the youth of the country; needless to say, our people will not relinquish this right. ⁹
- Some of the greatest achievements of humankind come from the knowledge flowing from nuclear sciences. This knowledge can and should be at the service of the well-being of nations of the world and contribute to multifaceted growth and development of all human societies. Applications of nuclear energy cover a broad spectrum of important medical, energy and industrial needs. For this reason nuclear energy has assumed special significance in our economic life and with the

passage of time and growing industrial, medical and energy needs, its significance will even increase further. As the significance of nuclear energy increases, efforts to gain access to and use this source of energy will grow as well. Like other nations of the world, nations of the Middle East yearn for peace, security and progress and are fully entitled to make use of this technology to guarantee better economic position for their future generations. It might be that one of the reasons for casting a cloud of ambiguity and doubt over the peaceful nuclear program of the Islamic Republic of Iran is to prevent the nations of the region to pay serious attention to this natural and precious right. ¹⁰

- Peaceful use of nuclear technology is an unavoidable imperative and need for the future of the country and for our stronger position in science that can help us achieve progress in various arenas of life. ¹¹

International treaties and recognized rights of Iran in peaceful use of nuclear energy

- This right belongs to the people and no one is allowed to ignore it, and we are blessed by the grace of the Almighty that these achievements have sprung from the genius of our youth. ¹²
- People of Iran will not give up this technology; this is the essence of what we are saying. ¹³
- The basic issue is that the people of Iran have a right and demand to exercise this right. This is understandable to peoples of the world, and to the governments, but the principal claimant in this issue is the United States government. ¹⁴
- Nuclear fuel cycle is our right, and we will not concede on this right. We want to produce fuel ourselves. We need nuclear fuel for the generation of many thousands of megawatt of electricity. Nuclear power plants must be built. The feedstock for these power plants must be produced inside the country. If we are to reach out to outsiders for the power plants feedstock, we will become dependent and the country will suffer. Therefore, it is our right and we will insist on this right. ¹⁵
- Peaceful use of nuclear energy is the right of all nations in accordance with rules of international law. All nations should be able to use this clean energy for vital uses in the country and for the people. They need not be dependent on others in exercising this right. ¹⁶
- Some Western governments have formally recognized the right of Iran to use nuclear energy. Recognition of this inalienable and legal right is a hollow and meaningless concession, since this right is universally recognized in treaties and there is no need for formal recognition of Europeans to enable us to exercise it. ¹⁷

The rationale and approach of the Islamic Republic of Iran toward peaceful use of nuclear energy, and nuclear weapons

- For reasons that I explained earlier, we are not looking for nuclear weapon. However, if they are resentful over the fact that people of Iran have acquired this advanced technology, which belongs to them and has become indigenous, I tell them again with certainty that the people of Iran will not surrender. What our researchers, scientists and government of Iran are doing in the field of nuclear energy emanate from great sense of responsibility and are major achievements. Their purpose is to prevent dependence on outsiders and to protect national sovereignty.¹⁸
- The high ranking officials of the country have clearly stated that the goal in our nuclear programme has nothing to do with nuclear weapon and there is no diversion toward weapon programmes in this scientific and technological movement. Our people will not relinquish this right; this is the essence of what we are saying. Public and formal diplomacy, international relations and the modes of operations in relation to our activities in these fields are handled and moved forward by officials of the country.¹⁹
- With respect to nuclear issue, the position of the people of Iran is clear and has also been repeatedly stated by the officials of the country. People of Iran is a talented, cultured, great, capable, vibrant and youthful nation. A nation with this character will not wait to allow a particular scientific progress or technological breakthrough to be achieved in order to make its move, a nation like Iran makes its own move to cross the boundaries of science.²⁰

- We do not believe in atomic bomb and nuclear weapons and will not go for them. Our religious beliefs strongly forbid use of such weapons of mass destruction. Use of these weapons lead to annihilation of human race which is forbidden by Quran. We are in search of something which truly frightens the domineering imperialist powers, and that is the awakening of the Islamic epical soul among the entire Muslim ummah. ²¹
- We do not want atomic bomb and even oppose possession of chemical weapons. We did not begin producing chemical weapons, even when Iraq attacked us with chemical weapons. This is against our principles. ²²
- Our nuclear policy is very clear; using weapons of mass destruction is not part of our character. But, they should know that they will not gain anything by making these kinds of loud bellicose threats against the people of Iran. ²³
- Islamic Republic of Iran has never sought nuclear weapons and will not surrender the right of its people to peaceful use of nuclear energy. Our motto is "Nuclear energy for all, nuclear weapons for none". ²⁴
- There are sometimes misrepresentations between nuclear technology and nuclear weapons. The fact is that the two have nothing to do with each other. Nuclear weapon is based on uranium enrichment of above 90% and requires complex technology. Those who go for these weapons need to have the required motivation; we do not have this motivation. We do not need nuclear bomb. To this day, if we have been able to prevail over our enemies, it has not been with nuclear weapons. ²⁵
- We are essentially, logically and basically against weapons of mass destruction in its present form. Even in time of war we banned microbial and chemical weapons. ²⁶

- We need nuclear fuel. Nuclear power plants must exist. The feedstock for these power plants must be produced inside the country. If we are to resort to outside for the feedstock of these power plants, we will be dependent on others and the country will suffer. ²⁷
- The people of Iran have said repeatedly that they are not seeking nuclear weapon. No wise nation and no rational authorities would go for nuclear weapons these days. ²⁸

Nuclear transparency and confidence-building from the perspective of the Islamic Republic of Iran

- Zionists and the current ruling group in the United States whose enmity toward the Islamic Republic of Iran has no limit and are prepared to use all despicable means to reach their goals have concocted the catchphrase "Iran wants nuclear weapon". What Islamic Republic of Iran has accepted so far is to allow them (IAEA) to come and see enrichment operations. They came and saw that enrichment exists and were allowed to visit places suspected by them to have enrichment activities, in order to find out that Zionist propaganda is all lies. This is a peaceful way to maintain and preserve nuclear technology.²⁹
- To this day, Islamic Republic of Iran has accepted that they come and see enrichment operations to find out that the Zionist propaganda is all lies. This is a peaceful way to maintain and preserve nuclear technology.³⁰
- We have shown in the past that our position is based on logic. They wanted things to be transparent, and we said no problem, let IAEA inspectors come and see to alleviate their concern. The Islamic Republic of Iran uses logic as a gauge for its actions. When Iran accepted something it was based on logic and when we rejected something was on the same basis. When they wanted to coerce and impose, Islamic Republic stood firm and rejected. Bullying by other sides show their lack of logic. "You must suspend your enrichment for longer time", why and for what reason? What is the relationship between transparency and suspension or stopping enrichment? There is no relationship between the two.³¹
- The government officials of Iran do not have an iota of fear in their heart in facing threats from the enemy.³²

- Today people and government of Iran enjoy higher dignity and power on the international scene. What we are saying is very logical. Our proposal concerning participation of non-European countries in nuclear fuel programmes of Iran is a logical suggestion. Let them come and be our partners. We will not give up our inalienable rights. This right belongs to our people and no one has the right to concede on the right of the nation. These achievements, with the blessings of the Almighty, have come from the genius of our youth.³³
- The US nonsense talkers should not keep repeating that "Iran wants to create a war" or "explode a nuclear bomb". These are falsehoods that have become obsolete and outdated; but they will continue shouting these lies. They should know that we are not warmongers. Waging war is against cardinal principles of our faith. These principles compel us to have a message of friendship, peace, compassion and security for the world. There is solid logic behind our words. Those who seek to coerce, intimidate and plunder, also try to cause confusion and mayhem in order to keep on plundering. But those who base their words and deeds on logic want tranquil and peaceful environment in order to enable others to listen.³⁴
- Those who stockpile inhuman armaments in their arsenals have no right to present themselves as the vanguard of world security.³⁵
- World peace and international security are among burning issues facing our world today, and WMD and nuclear disarmament is an urgent imperative and a universal demand.³⁶
- The principal motive for the United States and some of its Western followers in preventing Iran to acquire its natural and technological right is for the fact that they are afraid of Iran

reaching its peak of scientific achievements. They are saying in their propaganda that Iran has had clandestine nuclear activities. This is illogical. Countries do not normally disclose during the phase of research their scientific findings. The successes of these endeavours are made public during a special phase. Accordingly, the Islamic Republic of Iran publicly and formally made the disclosures during different phases of commissioning of nuclear facilities.³⁷

- Propaganda fanfare on nuclear energy of Iran that was launched a few years ago and continues to this day shows the resentment of the arrogant powers about this issue and indicates that Iran's access to nuclear technology is an effective step in consolidating the stance of the righteous front in the global alignments.³⁸
- Concerning fuel cycle and enrichment, the Western world is saying to us that we should assure the world that our intention is not to acquire nuclear arms. They know well that we are not after nuclear arms. They say different things in their talks with us, but the only thing that makes sense is their call for confidence-building, and we are taking confidence-building measures.³⁹
- Our recent engagements with IAEA have been for this purpose, but confidence should be built by reasonable ways.⁴⁰
- To this day, the Islamic Republic of Iran has accepted to allow them to come and visit enrichment operations for themselves in order to see that Zionist propaganda are all lies. This is a peaceful way to maintain our nuclear technology.⁴¹
- Compulsions and pressures by the other sides show their lack of logic. They are telling us: "You must suspend enrichment for long-term", why and for what reason? What is the relationship

between transparency, suspension or stopping enrichment?
There is no relationship⁴²

- What we are saying is very logical. We have put forward reasonable proposals. For example, our proposal to engage European and non-European countries in Iran's nuclear fuel programme is a logical proposal. We are calling on them to come and be our partners and work with us.⁴³
- What the Islamic Republic of Iran has done is really a move that is accompanied with a final warning. Over the past two and a half years the Islamic Republic of Iran has closed all loopholes and excuses, and anywhere there was suspicion, means were made available to them to end their concerns. Finally, when all's said and done, they had no choice but to declare that the issue is not suspicion over making of nuclear weapon, but their concern is over nuclear technology.⁴⁴
- Certain Western countries that unlawfully possess nuclear weapons want to keep the monopoly of nuclear fuel production for themselves. A surreptitious movement is evolving these days to create a permanent center with an international name and appearance, but in fact in the permanent hands of few Western countries, for the monopoly of production and sale of nuclear fuel.⁴⁵
- The United Nations needs to do more serious work on ending the existing concerns over atomic weapons. It is a right expectation from the United Nations to act on this issue.⁴⁶
- The Islamic Republic of Iran has acted upon and has fulfilled its commitments under NPT.⁴⁷

Nuclear talks process with the aim of eliminating likely ambiguities

- Today European countries are facing an awakened and resolute nation. The officials of the country also have no fear in their heart of the enemies' threats. European parties, sitting on the other side of these nuclear talks, should realize with kind of country they are talking to. ⁴⁸
- They are telling the world that their confrontation with the Islamic Republic is for nuclear arms. That is big lie. We used to say this with some doubt, but later in the nuclear talks it became clear to us that they know that the Islamic Republic is not in pursuit of nuclear arms. They know this, and this is the reality. But, they continue to raise the issue of nuclear weapon. Therefore, the assertion that these pressures, sanctions and economic siege are for nuclear weapon and nuclear capability of Iran are all pack of lies. The false character of this assertion is a fact. ⁴⁹
- Our intention is to engage in scientific and economic endeavors that are in keeping with our national interests. Our people want this and we stand firmly. ⁵⁰
- They should know that they will gain nothing from these kinds of threats and hollow loud words. People of Iran will bring them down to their knees and make them suffer a humiliating defeat despite their big claims. ⁵¹
- They have all realized in the international arena that Iran is steadfast on its rightful demand and indisputable right with respect to nuclear energy. This position of strength in the international arena raises the spirit of our nation. Advances in science and technology in the country have generated good opportunities to overcome many problems. ⁵²

- If the officials of the country shirk in their duty to acquire nuclear energy, future generations will question them. ⁵³
- Our nuclear bomb and explosive power is our faith. Our youth and our people have stood resolute with all their faith during the most difficult times of adversity, and they will continue to do so. ⁵⁴
- What gives strength to a governing system is not atomic bomb. The strength of the Islamic System that the United States and other world powers have not been and will not be able to defeat is the power of faith of the forces of hizbollah. ⁵⁵
- A long list of terrorist behaviors, as well as financial and armament support to organized terrorist outfits in the countries of our region can be attributed to the United States, including the assassination of Iranian nuclear scientists in collaboration with Mossad. ⁵⁶

Obsolescence of the logic and usefulness of the strategies
based on nuclear weapon deterrence

- Hasn't there been much animosity toward us from the beginning of the Revolution? Have we had nuclear bomb from the beginning of the Revolution? What has protected the dignity and national integrity of this nation, made the Islamic System to keep its head up and has made the name of Imam Khomeini eternal was the faith and steadfastness of our people and their unity and solidarity.⁵⁷
- Nuclear arms are not made to destroy regimes and governments. They do not go away with nuclear armaments; nuclear arms can only kill human beings and destroy countries.⁵⁸
- Former Soviet Union probably had more nuclear weapons than the United States; was it not defeated? Victory and defeat on the important international arenas are not achieved by these things.⁵⁹
- Today, the Islamic Republic of Iran is armed with a weapon that is higher and more powerful than atomic bomb. That weapon is the will and faith of our people and their support for the government. This is our greatest weapon.⁶⁰
- People of Iran do not need atomic bomb or nuclear arms to foil the threats of its enemies. Your solidarity, your hearts, your desire to cling to the rope of Allah and your faith in religion are the most important weapons. This is the weapon that has worked in our favor for the past 26 years from the inception of the Revolution.⁶¹
- Nuclear weapon neither ensures security, nor consolidates political power. On the contrary, it is a threat to both of them. Events in 1990's showed that possession of these weapons was not able to preserve a regime like the Soviet Union. We know

of regimes today that are exposed to waves of lethal perils despite of possession of atomic bomb. ⁶²

- People of Iran oppose these types of weapons both due to foundational Islamic principles and their way of thinking. Nuclear weapons have no benefits, only losses resulting from their production and maintenance. Nuclear arms do not bring power for a nation, because they cannot be used. Those who have nuclear weapons know full well that if they make the mistake of using these weapons, the consequences will be very grave for them the same as the consequences of supporting terrorism in the past. ⁶³
- We believe the real power lies in the national resolve and scientific and social progress and not in nuclear weapons. ⁶⁴
- Our motto is "Nuclear energy for all, nuclear weapons for none". We will insist on this motto and know that breaking the monopoly of few Western countries in production of nuclear energy in the framework of NPT is good for all sovereign nations, including member states of the Non-Aligned Movement. ⁶⁵

Prohibition of weapons of mass destruction under Islamic teachings, and policies and approach of the Islamic Republic of Iran

- With respect to nuclear issue of Iran, the US President talks in such a way in his public speeches as if the problem between U.S. and Iran is over Iran's intention to make nuclear weapons. They say that they will use everything in their power to stop Iran from making nuclear weapons. If it was our intention to build nuclear weapons, how could you stop us? If it was the will of Iran to have nuclear weapons, the United States could not prevent it under any circumstances. ⁶⁶
- We do not want to make nuclear weapons, not because the United States will be angry, but because it is our strong conviction that nuclear weapons are crimes against humanity, must not be produced and the existing arsenals must be eliminated. This is our conviction and has nothing to do with the U.S.. If we did not have this conviction and we were resolved in making nuclear weapons, no power in the world could have prevented us as they were not able to do the same in Pakistan, India and North Korea. The United States opposed but failed to prevent them from having nuclear weapons. ⁶⁷
- The Islamic Republic of Iran has stated time and again that it is against building and using nuclear weapons both on the basis of its belief in Islamic sharia and as a matter of principle. ⁶⁸
- We do not believe in atomic bomb and nuclear weapons and will not be in their pursuit. According to our religious beliefs, use of these weapons of mass destruction is forbidden and "haram". Use of these weapons is tantamount to destruction of human generation and against the clear edict of Quran. ⁶⁹
- Atomic bomb not only kills enemies, but also takes the life of those who are not enemies. This is against our belief and what

we are. Atomic bomb kills good and bad together. This indiscriminate killing is against our belief in the Islamic System.

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- We regard use of nuclear weapon to be in contravention with Islamic edicts and we have said this explicitly and publicly.⁷¹
- People of Iran are against these weapons, both on the basis of our Islamic faith and outlook toward life, and because of common sense and wisdom.⁷²
- The Islamic Republic of Iran regards use of nuclear and chemical weapons as a cardinal and unforgivable sin.⁷³
- To hide their evil intention, the hypocrite and dishonest US politicians accuse Iran of trying to build nuclear warhead and fire it with a ballistic missile. Where are we supposed to fire this missile? This is not how we deal with our enemies. Using atomic bomb to destroy a nation is the American way of dealing with the enemy. It is the Western countries that built chemical weapons and sold them to Saddam and the Baathist regime. Islam does not allow us to do this. We use science for progress; this is an excuse used by Americans against us.⁷⁴
- We are not in pursuit of nuclear weapons and Western governments know this full well. Having nuclear weapons runs counter to political and economic interests of our country and is against clear edicts of Islam. Therefore, Islamic Republic of Iran will continue on the path to scientific progress by relying on our principles and without any fear of the noises from outside. This is the path we have chosen and others cannot have any impact on the will of the people of Iran.⁷⁵
- The position of the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning "prohibition of manufacturing and use of atomic weapon" is based on our religious belief and not to please the United States and Western countries.⁷⁶

Basic reasons behind oppositions to the advancement of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the field of peaceful use of nuclear energy.

- They claim to be against nuclear weapons in the hands of Iran and nuclear weapon is a great danger. These claims are made as if Iran is really in pursuit of nuclear weapons. These claims are made in order to deceive their own public opinion.⁷⁷
- Consensus among few exclusivist countries are political in nature and such a consensus has no value. Nations and countries of the world approve what Islamic Republic of Iran is doing with their words and heart.⁷⁸
- The world community of nations is never against Islamic Republic of Iran. This community means nations and governments that resent arrogant powers.⁷⁹
- The global propaganda waged by the United States and Zionist circles have for some time been accusing Islamic Republic of Iran of militarism. They claim that "Iran possesses weapons of mass destruction and is making atomic weapons. They (Iranians) have acquired from somewhere nuclear warheads." These are assertions that any person with a sound mind knows are all lies.⁸⁰
- These days when Americans want to take a position on nuclear issue of Iran, since they cannot openly disregard the right of a nation and overtly declare their opposition to it, they charge Iran of intending to make nuclear weapons in order to justify their accusation for the world public opinion. They know full well this is not true.⁸¹
- Injustices committed by the United States in our region are not limited to one or two cases. With respect to our own country, you can see how many times they have concealed the facts about our nuclear energy. They said so many lies and have

stood against a just and legitimate demand and natural right of a nation. Our people say that they want to have nuclear energy for various peaceful uses in their life, but are accused by the United States that they are in pursuit of nuclear weapons. Why is the United States lying? It is lying in order to justify its bullying and dishonest assertions about Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons. Isn't this really trampling on our rights?⁸²

- The United States' confrontation with the Islamic Republic of Iran is practically continuation of a psychological warfare with the political system and people of Iran. Psychological warfare need to have an excuse and the United States officials are using nuclear energy as their alibi. At different junctures of time when this excuse runs out of steam, immediately they raise another one. They think that continuation of this psychological warfare against people of Iran is their way of confronting the Islamic System. For this reason, if the people and government of Iran give up their right on nuclear energy, this story will not end. They will simply find another excuse.⁸³
- We oppose world arrogant powers and the domination system. It is also vary apparent that they oppose us as well, and that is the reason why they keep looking for excuses on nuclear issue.⁸⁴
- People of Iran have proven that true progress can be achieved by nations without relying on the United States and other claimants of global power. This is a lesson learned, and they are afraid of this lesson. They want to make nations believe that without the United States help and outside the sphere of influence of the United States, they cannot move forward.⁸⁵
- One of the manifestations of our defense for our dignity is our nuclear energy. Nuclear energy for us has not been merely about our intent to have a technology and others wanting to

deprive us of this technology. Another aspect of this issue was the fact that aggressor bullying powers wanted to impose their will on the people of Iran.⁸⁶

- Europeans and the United States are really not that concerned about nuclear energy as they pretend to be. They know full well that we are not after nuclear weapon. One of their primary objectives is to keep Islamic Republic busy, to distract the minds of the government, parliament and officials from current issues and the work on hand. When the issue of nuclear energy is resolved, they will again find another one.⁸⁷
- What is really the ulterior motive of our enemies? Anything that can harm internally generated independence and national power. They want to monopolize the entire global power for themselves; this is the inherent character of the domination system.⁸⁸
- Why scientific advancement of a nation and a country is regarded as a threat to certain circles in the world? Why? Because they are exclusivist and domineering, and because they regard Iran as a tempting bait. They wanted to swallow and devour this country with all its advantageous and premier geographical position. People of Iran are vigilant and our talented youth that have made great scientific achievements do not allow this to happen. Advancement of our nation in science, technology and nuclear energy is the reason for their resentment.⁸⁹
- Enemies of the Islamic world know that we are not in pursuit of nuclear weapons. They are angry over progress of science and technology in an Islamic country. An Islamic country that has shown it will not surrender to the United States' policies. They do not want to see an Islamic country to be equipped with the most important technology today, which is nuclear technology.

They are putting all their pressure on us for this purpose. But, we have made our mind. People of Iran have learned from their experience over the past 27 years after the Revolution that the only way to free themselves from the tricky maneuvers of the enemies is by putting their trust in God and having patience in the arena of jihad.⁹⁰

- Repeated threats that come one after the other from the US government circles mostly relate to nuclear issue and the false accusation of our intention to build nuclear arms. They know full well that the story of making nuclear arms is just a fairy tale and there is no truth to it. Their real problem is that they are afraid of Iran becoming a powerful and advanced country. They are against the advancement of the people of Iran. They do not want to see a sovereign independent country living under the banner of Islam and having advanced and modern technology in one of the most sensitive parts of the world, the Middle East.⁹¹
- What has made the Americans raise so much noise against Iran and has caused them to be irritated, is for the fact that Iran has built a nuclear power plant and is now generating electricity from this plant, and supplies its needed feedstock and fuel internally. This is the primary cause of their concern.⁹²
- Those countries that possess advanced science and technology try to make others consumers of their products. For this reason, they are indignant over achievements of Iranian scientists, including in the field of nuclear energy. On the face of it, they are saying that Iran should not go for nuclear weapons, but their real intention is that Iran should not have nuclear technology and know-how in order to be forever dependent on Western advanced technologies.⁹³

- Access to nuclear knowledge is one of the examples that demonstrate achievements of Iranian scientists. They have raised much fanfare about Iran's capability in nuclear technology. But, the fact is that the reason behind all this noise is the indigenous capability of our young scientists in acquiring this technology. ⁹⁴
- The aggressor powers of the world know well that we have no nuclear weapon. What really causes their apprehension is our access to nuclear technology. The world arrogant powers cannot accept that Islamic Iran with its slogans for freedom and justice to be able to grow, develop and achieve scientific progress. ⁹⁵
- The West knows full well that we are not after atomic bomb, and their resentment is for the fact that a country has acquired this technology without their permission. ⁹⁶

Iran's support for a "Middle East free from nuclear weapons"

We raised the slogan "Middle East free from nuclear weapons", and we remain committed to this slogan. This slogan does not mean giving up our right to peaceful uses of nuclear energy and production of nuclear fuel.⁹⁷

Violations of international commitments by Nuclear-Weapon States

- Certain nuclear-weapon states have in recent years gone beyond the theory of deterrence against other nuclear powers which is based on doctrine of "mutually assured destruction". The nuclear strategy of these states emphasize on the choice of nuclear weapons against conventional threats by violators of NPT. The biggest violators of NPT are those powers that in addition to reneging on their undertakings in Article 6 of NPT to embark on nuclear disarmament, they have also won the race in both vertical and horizontal proliferation. They have played a direct role in proliferation of nuclear weapons by helping to arm the Zionist regime with nuclear weapons and supporting its policies. This is against their commitments under article 1 of NPT and has made the Middle East and the world facing grave threats. Leading these proliferation efforts is the aggressor and bullying government of the United States of America.⁹⁸
- The countries that claim to be protecting world peace and security have used nuclear and weapons of mass destruction. Claims by these countries to prevent production and proliferation of nuclear weapons are like a claim by a kingpin of a drug trafficking gang to support combating traffickers.⁹⁹
- Iran was the target of nuclear threat by the highest official of the United States government. It was expected that the United Nations would react quickly to this threat.¹⁰⁰
- The domineering powers are not interested in the independence of the IAEA. Their anger over the position taken by the Agency concerning absence of any diversion in nuclear activities of Iran clearly proves the reason behind their resentment. Considering the present positive international climate concerning Iran's nuclear activities, resolution of this

issue will be an important test and great success for the IAEA.¹⁰¹

Obstructions by the United States in the nuclear talks,
in contravention with the agreements made with the IAEA.

- Americans regularly send us messages via different channels telling us to talk to them on nuclear matters. They send us these messages and also reflect their intention in their global propaganda. Both US high-ranking and middle rank officials have repeatedly expressed their desire to have two-on-two talks between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States on the nuclear question on the sidelines of 5+1 talks. I am not optimistic about these talks. Why? Our past experience shows that "talks" in the mindset of Americans does not mean sitting together trying to find a logical way or solution. Their intention of the two-way dialogue is for them to talk and the other side to listen and accept their demands. Their goal is stated in advance and their position must be accepted by the other side. We have always said this is not the way to talk. This is imposition and Iran will not accept it.¹⁰²
- Americans repeatedly tell us by their messages that they are sincere in having logical dialogue. They argue that they want to have sincere logical dialogue and seek no imposition. I have told them in response: "We have said repeatedly that we are not in pursuit of nuclear weapons. You are telling us that you do not believe it. Why should we believe in what you are saying? When you are not ready to accept our sincere and logical statements, why should we accept your words which have been proven many times to be untrue?" My impression from the US proposal for dialogue tells me this is a tactic to deceive public opinion. You need to prove for the sake of the

world public opinion and ours in Iran that it is not the case. Can you prove it? Then, go ahead and prove it.¹⁰³

- Our experience and the inquisitive look at the facts on the ground tell us that Americans are not interested to see an end to nuclear talks. If they were really interested to see the end of these talks and its final resolution, the solution has been near and easy. Iran only wants its right to enrichment, which is its inalienable right, to be recognized by the world. Leaders of countries that are claimants in this case, should admit that the people of Iran have the right to nuclear enrichment for peaceful purposes and by themselves in their own country. Is this really too much to ask? This has always been our claim, but they do not want to accept this simple demand.¹⁰⁴
- They are saying we are concerned that you (Iran) are moving toward nuclear weapons. They are few in number, but call themselves "international community". They are saying that the international community is concerned. International community is not concerned. Majority of nations of the world are on the side of the Islamic Republic of Iran and support our demands; because our demands are just and righteous. If Americans were really interested to solve this problem, the solution was easy: Recognize and admit the right of Iran to enrichment. In order to eliminate any concern that may arise from this recognition, they could have asked for the application of the legal requirements of the IAEA. We have no objection to the application of these rules and supervision of the Agency. Any time we come close to a solution, Americans obstruct the path to resolution of this problem. Their motive according to my understanding and impression is to protract this matter in order to have an excuse to continue their pressures. As have been admitted by themselves, these pressures are for the

purpose of crippling the people of Iran. Needless to say, the malice of our enemy will come back to themselves, and people of Iran will never be crippled.¹⁰⁵

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