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Your Excellencies,

The World Embassy Desk (WED) extends its compliments and expresses its deep appreciation for your continuing engagement in matters of international peace, stability, and diplomacy. As your governments prepare for the meeting with the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran on Friday, 20 June 2025, WED finds it timely and necessary to convey the following observations and concerns.

Since 13 June 2025, the Islamic Republic of Iran has faced ongoing military aggression by the State of Israel, resulting in the tragic loss of over a thousand Iranian lives and numerous injuries. These actions represent a grave violation of the sovereignty of Iran and a breach of the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter. The WED has been monitoring the situation with utmost vigilance and urges your governments to do the same with the principles of justice and consistency.

We fully acknowledge your countries' longstanding concerns regarding Iran's nuclear program. However, we respectfully highlight that for over three decades, successive projections from close European and transatlantic allies have forecasted imminent Iranian nuclear weapon capability, predictions that have yet to materialize. Notable examples include:

- 1995: Iran would acquire nuclear capability within 3–5 years;
- 2006: Iran could produce 25 nuclear weapons per year;
- 2012: "Six months" from obtaining bomb-grade uranium;
- 2015: "weeks away" from obtaining bomb-grade uranium;
- 2018: Iran could make a "bomb very quickly";
- 2025: (12 June) suggesting a timeframe of "a few months to a year."

Despite these repeated warnings spanning over three decades, no Iranian nuclear weapons have emerged. Moreover, multiple authoritative sources have confirmed the absence of any current nuclear weapons program in Iran:

- On 25 March 2025, the United States Director of National Intelligence, the Hon. Ms. Tulsi Gabbard, publicly stated that there is no evidence of an active Iranian nuclear weapons



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- program and affirmed that Iran's Supreme Leader has not approved such a program.
- On 18 June 2025, the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Mr. Rafael Grossi, reaffirmed that there is no proof that Iran is making progress toward nuclear weapons capability.
 - On 18 June 2025, Senator Mark Warner, Vice-Chairman of the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee, reported that during a briefing held on Monday, 16 June 2025 (following Israel's attack) U.S. intelligence agencies still found no evidence that Iran is attempting to build nuclear weapons.
 - In the 2007 National Intelligence Estimate, the United States Intelligence Community assessed that Iran had ceased all "nuclear weapon design and weaponization work" in 2003.
 - And in January 2012, then U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta confirmed that while Iran was pursuing nuclear capabilities, it was not attempting to produce nuclear weapons.

These consistent findings across time and administrations present a compelling and credible record that stands in contrast to persistent alarmist predictions. The WED urges your governments to take these official assessments into account when evaluating the nuclear issue and avoid reinforcing claims that lack substantiated evidence.

Given these official assessments, we encourage your governments to exercise caution in repeating allegations that lack independent verification, as such rhetoric risks escalating tensions unnecessarily.

We would also like to bring to your attention the contrasting responses of the European Union and its Member States to international crises. In response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, the EU rightly issued a firm condemnation, citing gross violations of international law and the sovereignty of a member of the United Nations. In contrast, the response to the devastating conflict in Gaza has been markedly restrained, despite:

- Over 55,000 Palestinian casualties;
- Findings by the UN Human Rights Council (A/HRC/55/73) indicating that genocidal thresholds may have been met;
- Binding ICJ orders (26 January & 24 May 2024) calling for the cessation of Israeli military operations;
- ICC arrest warrants issued for senior Israeli officials (21 November 2024);
- The ICJ's advisory opinion (19 July 2024) declaring Israel's prolonged occupation unlawful;
- Numerous General Assembly resolutions condemning the occupation;
- Independent legal analyses, including by Enzo Traverso and international legal bodies, describing ongoing actions as potentially genocidal;
- Legal actions initiated or considered in Germany, the Netherlands, Australia, and Nicaragua concerning complicity in or support of alleged international crimes.



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Recent reports also indicate Israeli military incursions into Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, and now Iran, breaching ceasefire agreements, violating sovereign airspace, and employing tactics deemed illegal under international humanitarian law.

Despite these troubling developments, material or diplomatic consequences for Israel remain limited. On the contrary, some officials, such as the German Chancellor, have publicly defended such actions as a shared burden, stating that "Israel is doing the dirty work for all of us." Such declarations risk undermining Europe's credibility as a champion of a rule-based international order.

The World Embassy Desk is deeply concerned that the current trajectory (marked by silence, selective application of international law, and tacit support for unlawful actions) risks undermining the global reputation and moral authority of Europe. At a time when democratic values are under strain worldwide, such inconsistency can erode trust in European commitments to justice, legality, and human rights, both within and beyond its borders. Furthermore, the WED finds it increasingly likely that European states may face legal and moral accountability, including potential proceedings at international judicial bodies, for their participation in or material support for acts that violate international law, particularly those undertaken by the State of Israel. The long-term implications of inaction or complicity could extend far beyond the immediate region, threatening not only Europe's legal credibility, but also its internal cohesion and security.

Furthermore, we note with concern the fragmentation within the European approach to international law. While some Member States have recognized the State of Palestine and supported judicial processes at the ICC and ICJ, others have opposed or ignored such initiatives. Hungary has announced a withdrawal from the ICC. These inconsistencies are being noticed worldwide and risk eroding global faith in the European Union's and the United Kingdom's commitment to legal and ethical coherence.

As a consequence, disillusionment is growing both among Western civil societies and among non-Western states, many of which increasingly perceive a double standard in how international law is interpreted and applied. This perceived double standard (where non-Western states are held strictly accountable while allies are shielded) risks widening the gap between Western democracies and Eastern nations. Such disparity fuels resentment, deepens geopolitical divides, and fosters hostility not only toward Western policies but also, regrettably, toward innocent populations, including Muslim communities and Jewish individuals worldwide, who bear no responsibility for these actions yet increasingly suffer the social and political consequences.

This widening gap not only damages diplomatic relations but contributes to rising instability, the alienation of key communities, and increased humanitarian pressures, including mass displacement and radicalization. To date, no European state has formally condemned Israel's flagrant violations of international law. Violations that have persisted for many years and have intensified significantly since October 2023, most recently manifesting in unlawful actions against Iran and Iraq, and are mentioned by independent international courts.



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Meanwhile, public dissent within Western societies is steadily increasing. In the Netherlands, the government has called for an official investigation into Israel's conduct and is now advocating for targeted sanctions. A growing number of countries are also expressing dissatisfaction with the perceived absence of a fair, rules-based international response from Western nations.

In these precarious times, when even trusted allies mislead, act unilaterally, and show disregard for established legal norms, Europe has a unique opportunity and responsibility. As the home of the ICC, ICJ, ECHR, and ECJ, Europe must stand as a bastion of international legality, consistency, and justice.

The WED, therefore, respectfully urges your governments to:

1. Recognize the breaches of Iranian and Iraqi sovereignty resulting from Israeli military actions;
2. Refrain from repeating unsupported accusations regarding Iran's nuclear intentions;
3. Advocate for the consistent application of international law, regardless of political alliances;
4. Reconsider the current trajectory of EU responses, ensuring alignment with the legal frameworks you helped establish and uphold.
5. Exert your diplomatic influence proactively to prevent any further escalation of the Israel-Iran conflict, including discouraging additional attacks or the involvement of new participants, in order to preserve regional stability and global security

The World Embassy Desk is confident that by taking these actions, Europe will demonstrate principled leadership, promote democracy and a fair system of justice globally, and foster the development of new partnerships and alliances. Conversely, the continued destabilization of sovereign states through silence or complicity risks producing more adversaries, increased extremism, heightened security threats, and a greater influx of asylum seekers, consequences that will not only place additional strain on European economies, but also worsen the very risks this policy approach seeks to contain.

The WED stands ready to support a principled path forward and respectfully invites your nations to join our initiative in reaffirming the primacy of international law and multilateral diplomacy. Only through consistency and integrity can we ensure a stable and equitable world order, one that serves all nations equally and protects the rights of all peoples.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of our highest consideration.

With utmost respect,

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