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## *Statement of the Central Committee of Tudeh Party of Iran*

### Escalation of dangerous developments and the urgent necessity to adopt logical, persistent and active policies to reduce tension

The US president's threatening speech against Iran, the provocative raid of American military units on an office building in Irbil where Iranian government officials worked, and the detention of five office staff in the recent days are worrying developments for all progressive and national forces of our country. In his recent speech, to outline the US new strategy in Iraq, and in response to the wide-ranging domestic and international criticism concerning the grave situation in Iraq, George Bush finger pointed and accused Islamic Republic of Iran and Syria and stated that the way out of the current crisis was to use a policy of containment and isolate these two countries. In addition to this statements, the recent visit of Condoleezza Rice, the US Secretary of State, to the Middle East, and the consultation meetings she is scheduled to have with the leaders of eight states in the region, and also with [Persian] Gulf Cooperation Council, as well as her threatening remarks that the US would not remain indifferent to Iran's function in Iraq's

situation, should be regarded and evaluated in line with the purposeful and planned efforts of the US in order to isolate Iran in the international scene, and the dangerous hidden agenda with regards to the future course of developments in our country.

As it has repeatedly stated in the recent months, Tudeh Party of Iran is deeply concerned that the current crisis - which has escalated as a result of the foreign policy of the [Iranian] regime and the questionable and tension-creating actions of its leaders with regards to the legitimate and natural right of our country to have access to nuclear technology - will keep deepening. Resolution 1737 passed by the UN Security Council to impose sanctions on Iran and to ban the supply of nuclear-related technology [to Iran], followed by the action of a few of the world's major banks to suspend their business with Iranian financial institutions, followed by provocative news about Israel's plans to launch air attacks against Iran's nuclear sites, as well as hostile policies of some of the Arab states in the region against Iran, in harmony with the US, cannot be simply ignored. While the US imperialism has targeted the sovereignty of our country in line with its militaristic policies and "unlimited war against terror", aiming to expand "new order in the great Middle East", the [Iranian] regime leaders, instead of taking effective policies to mobilize world public opinion against any kind of aggression on our country, practically assist imperialism plans with their irresponsible and provocative statements. Some of the circles in the country rightfully argue that the regime is trying to take advantage of the current crisis to cover up its deep domestic

problems and the failure of the policies of the totalitarian government.

Under such complex and fragile conditions, and while the dark clouds of tension and military conflict are swiftly spreading over Iran and the region, it is important that by foresight and wisdom attempts are made to improve strained relationship with the countries in the region. Going on domestic and international trips with populist, propaganda intentions, and delivering rhetoric and worthless speeches instead of making efforts to give assurance to the neighbouring countries and to improve diplomatic relationships, as well as tension-creating positions of the leaders of the regime, and in particular Ahmadi-Nejad himself, are destructive and adventurous policies that can have disastrous consequences for the future of our country.

Tudeh Party of Iran strongly condemns any form of intervention in Iran's internal affairs, under any pretences and calls upon the international peace movement to mobilize its forces around the globe to seriously oppose this dangerous development. We also strongly condemn the oppressive policies of the [Iranian] regime, which is being implemented in the current situation under the cover of "safeguarding the unity of the Islamic nation", to attack the opposition political forces, independent press and national-religious forces.

We believe that if fundamental changes in the foreign policy of the country are not made to adopt an active, persistence and logical policy for the purpose of drawing the broad support of the world public opinion, and to isolate warmongering circles, then the strategic interests of our nation and its sovereignty would seriously be threatened. We believe that the way out of the current crisis passes through transparency of all the decisions made and actions taken towards achieving nuclear technology, winning the trust of the International Atomic Energy Agency with respect to the extent and purpose of advanced industries in Iran, avoiding any provocative statements and actions towards the countries of the region, and planning the foreign policy of the

country based on the acceptable and established principles of international diplomacy. The main goal of such a policy would be to reduce tension in the region, help establishing peace and security on the borders of our country and in the region, and to create an atmosphere in which the human, economical and natural potential of our country would yield the best outcome. The Tudeh Party of Iran once again expresses its strong objection to any military adventure in the region, and considers any intensification of military – political conflict in the region to be against the interests of the people of Iran, the Middle East region, and global peace. We call upon all the national, progressive and democratic forces of the country to unite and to step up their efforts to defend the sovereignty and democratic development of the country, and to oppose and confront provocative, interventionist and militaristic policies of any force within the country or internationally. Tudeh Party of Iran believes that united effort of the popular movement of our people for building a democratic, progressive and modern Iran can only be expanded in a peaceful environment in the region and in the world.

### **The Central Committee of Tudeh Party of Iran**

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## **Vicious and Destructive Policies of Imperialism and Despotism in the Region**

*A reflection on the Security Council Resolution and Iran's National Interests*

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The situation in the Middle East is deteriorating day by day. The continued tensions and fighting in Palestine, due to the policies of the Israeli government and the occupation of Arab lands by that government, along with the deteriorating conditions in Iraq and Afghanistan – which are both under the occupation of US imperialism – have created a dangerous

situation in the region. The change in situation in Iraq towards an all out civil war and its effects on our country cannot be without worry for the national and progressive forces of the country. The continued meddling of USA in the region – despite all the domestic pressure on the Bush administration to change its Iraq policy – besides following policies that create tension by the regime, especially the president himself, have created serious predicaments for Iran.

The resolution of the Security Council of the United Nations is the first important step in escalating the confrontation with Iran and if it is not stopped promptly, it will lead to dire problems for our country.

In resolution 1737, the Security Council warns Iran that if it doesn't suspend its Uranium enrichment programs, the Security Council will have to make a quick decision based on article 41 of the United Nations charter. Based on this resolution the countries in the world are barred from exporting to Iran materials and technology that may aide in the program. Also, the assets of eleven companies and twelve key individuals involved in the nuclear program will be frozen. France Press reported that the full list of organizations and individuals affected by this resolution has also been published; among them are companies such as "Sanaye-Defa" (Defense Industries), Iranian Atomic Energy Organization, "Pars Tarash" and "Sanaye-Hava-Faza" (Aerospace Industries).

In addition, the mentioned resolution has requested that the head of the IAEA submit a report within sixty days outlining whether Iran has implemented complete suspension and if all the other items have been followed up on. In case the Islamic Republic of Iran does not carry out the Resolution demands by February 23 of this year, then the Security Council can enact other actions based on article 41 which will no doubt increase to the sanctions on Iran.

In response to this resolution, Ahmadi-Nejad announced that "they are trying to divide the nation by using this piece of

paper. We will stay united whether they want it or not." Members of Parliament also passed an initiative on December 24, 2006 to urge the government to revisit its cooperation with the IAEA – this was also later ratified as a law by the Council of Guardians. This initiative was later met with an immediate and threatening response from the White House. Meanwhile, some news has also been reported on the preparations to start 3000 centrifuge units. After the vote by the Security Council to impose sanctions on Iran, the Financial Times paper reported that "only sanctions based on oil exports will bring Iran to agree to the demands of the International community. Iran exports 2.7 million barrels a day which can be replaced by the oil from Arab countries led by Saudi Arabia. Oil makes 90 percent of Iran's exports. This country also imports one third of its gasoline."

In a dangerous and important situation such as this, the way to work towards the national interests and security of the country is to observe people's basic rights. The dependence on the popular support can be obtained not by populist slogans and propaganda, but by enabling people to stand against the intervening and meddling actions of imperialist forces, especially the USA. The Supreme Leader (Velayat-e Faqih) regime in Iran and its appointed government are adopting a policy of oppression, adventurism, and repression which has rendered our country vulnerable and faced with great dangers in an historic, turbulent era.

Despite the regime's propaganda, achieving nuclear technology for peaceful purposes – which is an inalienable right of our nation – has now been jeopardized due to the reactionary policies, and has become an excuse for colonialists to meddle in the internal affairs of our nation.

The Tudeh Party of Iran, based on its fundamental policies, has always demanded that our national rights be granted including the ability to develop and use nuclear technologies for peaceful purposes, and has fought alongside other national and popular

parties, organizations and individuals to achieve this goal. Meanwhile we have always clearly emphasized that it is only by relying on the will of the people and with a government relying on this will, that we would be able to defend our rights and interests. The current “Velayat-e Faqih” regime in Iran has showed that they have not acted, and is not acting responsibly with regards to the rights and future of our nation and thus the continuation of the current policies by Ahmadi-Nejad government will put our country at serious risk – and the recent Security Council resolution is an apt example of such threats, and could be a pretext for further sanctions and other harsh measures. We must not forget that the recent dispatch of a large naval force by the US to arrive at the Persian Gulf just as the sanction resolution was ratified, sends a very clear message.

The Tudeh Party of Iran has announced before and stresses that strongly opposes any sanctions against Iran, which will only harm the people. The solution to the current crisis is not escalation of the crisis. Despite what the government of Iran claims that foreign sanctions will have no effect on Iran, past experience shows – especially the sanctions imposed on Iraq before the attack on that country – that sanctions can have devastating and deep impact on the life of the people. Chinese president’s warning, urging Iran to avoid escalating the propaganda war and to review and tender a serious response to the Security Council, is a serious alarm pointing to the fact that unrealistic policies of the regime leaders not only will not lead to attaining the interests of the people but could also result in such a global consensus against Iran that would help advance imperialism policies in the region and against Iran.

Every effort must be made to take realistic policies far from tension-creation and adventurism in gaining our national interests and security so that the evil, meddling hands could be cut from our land. The government’s populist propaganda policies to gain domestic benefits can only help the propaganda war of imperialism against Iran and is in effect an anti-national policy. All

efforts must be directed towards restarting negotiations and reducing tensions. Cooperation and joint movement of all the national and progressive forces to mobilize the public opinion would have a significant impact on the position of the ruling reactionaries.

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