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USADI Welcomes President Bush's Remarks on Iran's Nuclear Program, Urges IAEA to Refer Tehran's Breaches to UN Security Council

The US Alliance for Democratic Iran welcomes President Bush's remarks Wednesday in London calling on the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to "be true to its purpose and hold Iran to its obligations."

On November 10, 2003, the IAEA submitted its report on Iran's nuclear program to its board of governors. The report chronicled more than 18 years of deception, denials, lies, cover-ups and staggering breaches of Iran's obligations to its international commitments.

The details of Iran's secret activities provide a stunning picture of a strategic and sophisticated program which began in the mid-80s. As many experts have observed, Tehran unquestionably is developing a nuclear weapon program and given the acknowledged scale of its nuclear program, nothing else makes sense.

Some diplomatic corners in Europe have characterized Iran's recent admissions as "honest." However, only intense international pressure, following last year's revelations by the Iranian opposition group, the National Council of Resistance of Iran, and subsequent IAEA inspection of nuclear sites in Natanz, Arak and Tehran, forced the clerics to buckle under.

Iran's partial disclosures are the tip of the iceberg. It would be naïve to suggest that now, after 18 years of systematic deception, Iran rulers have had a change of heart and have now become cooperative. By giving the IAEA a bare minimum, the cunning clerics are simply trying to buy time.

The United States must continue its leading role in tightening the screws on Tehran and not allow the clerics to cheat their way out of this situation.

The USADI calls on the IAEA to pass a firm resolution declaring Iran in breach of its obligations to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and refer its case to the United Nations Security Council.

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