



Speech at Presentation of Letter of Credence

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To:

The Honorable President of the Republic of Cyprus



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NICOSIA**

H.E. Mr. Nicos Anastasiades,
Honorable President of the Republic of Cyprus

Excellency,

I have the great honor to present to Your Excellency the letter of Credence by which H.E. Dr. Hassan Rouhani, the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran has appointed me as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Republic of Cyprus and the Letters of recall of my predecessor as well.

Honorable President,

Allow me to convey to Your Excellency, the cordial greetings of President Rouhani and also the invitation extended to Your Excellency to pay an official visit to Iran at your convenient time.

Excellency,

Iran and Cyprus share a long history of good relations. Based on this very positive background, the Iranian Government stands to work with the Government of Cyprus to push our mutually benefited multi-dimensional cooperation to a new high.

Excellency,

The foreign policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, while rejecting any kind of terrorism and extremism, is based on the full respect to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the nations and peaceful settlements in the international relations. In line with these principles, just as an example, the Islamic Republic of Iran had held two years of intense negotiations with the US, Russia, China, the UK, France, Germany, led by EU and finally concluded JCPOA in July 2015.



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Unfortunately, on May 2018, an illegal and unilateral act occurred and the US president withdrew its country from JCPOA; the agreement which had been endorsed by resolution 2231 of the Security Council and ordered the re-instatement of the previous sanctions on the Islamic Republic of Iran which had been lifted in the wake of JCPOA.

In contrast with the US unilateral withdrawal from JCPOA, the Islamic Republic of Iran has completely fulfilled all its commitments within the framework of JCPOA with not even a single case of violation as verified by 12 formal reports of IAEA. Even now, the Islamic Republic of Iran, upon the request of other signatories to the agreement, has started intense negotiation with them, hoping to stay in the deal and continue the required cooperation if the shortcomings of the US withdrawal are offset in form of an operational package.

Excellency,

On the Cyprus issue, The Islamic Republic of Iran fully supports the very recent negotiating process, which has started between the two communities under the auspices of the UN General's Good offices mission; aiming at a comprehensive solution of the problem and hope this round of negotiations lead towards a common and lasting peaceful settlement of the issue. At the same time, we are prepared to render any kind of assistance towards the achievement of the re-unification goal between the two communities.

Excellency,

At the end, if I may return to the issue of our bilateral ties, as Iranian Ambassador, I will exert my utmost efforts to further expand cooperation and friendship between our two Governments and Peoples and I firmly believe that, in carrying out this important mission, I shall have support from Your Excellency and the Government of Cyprus as well.

I thank you Mr. President and Your Excellency enjoy good health.