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Statement of Tudeh Party of Iran **Calling upon peace loving and progressive forces of the world**

The rapid developments of the recent weeks in the Middle East region, and more importantly with regards to the widespread political frictions between the United States and Islamic Republic of Iran, have created a complex and dangerous situation. While bloody military conflicts and terrorist attacks in Iraq and Afghanistan have risen to new dimensions, the US has expanded its widespread propaganda assault and threats against Iran. George Bush's remarks on Wednesday February 14th alleging Iran's direct support of terrorist attacks in Iraq – after his Secretary of Defense presented “evidences” with regards to the Iranian Leaders' support of terrorist forces through supply of weaponry – has profoundly concerned

all the patriotic, progressive and democratic forces of Iran.

The threatening tone of George Bush in alleging that Iranian authorities have been involved in killing of 170 American personnel and military troops in Iraq in the recent years, and in addition stating that the US administration is responsible to protect the lives and security of American troops, has a clear and threatening sense. These allegations could be formulated to convince the public opinion in the US and EU and to prepare grounds for retaliation and dangerous actions against Iran. One could not help taking notice of the similarities between the events in the recent months and what happened between September 2002 and March 2003 with regards to Iraq, prior to military interventions and occupation of this country.

The “New Strategy” of the US, including expanding military operations in Iraq to overcome the full-scale crisis in this country, means that the Bush administration has ignored the proposed solutions of “Iraq Study Group”. Instead of relying on a constructive approach in dealing with Iran and Syria, as the “Iraq Study Group” had suggested, this Strategy has taken the avenue of putting strenuous pressures in order to impose the US hegemony on these countries. Imposing sanctions by the Security Council of the UN in December of 2006, frequent visits of the US authorities to Arab nations in order to organize an anti-Iranian alliance, and the recent

threatening remarks of the US authorities, they all mean that if a solution is not found to quickly reverse this process, the region will face an irreparable disaster.

In the recent months Tudeh Party of Iran has repeatedly stated that no matter what the excuse would be, it strongly opposes any military action against Iran. We believe that any military approach is against the interests of the working people of the nation, and detrimental to the peace and stability of the region and the world. The crisis in the relations between the US and Iran could not be resolved through expanding the crisis. While we have strongly criticized pernicious and provocative policies of the [Iranian] regime in the arena of international politics and in securing the development of nuclear technology, we have also pointed out that the goal of the US allegations is in fact to secure and justify the hegemony of this county in this vulnerable regions.

The current dangerous situation calls for a coordinated, responsible and united action of all the supporters of peace and democracy and progress in Iran and the world. This action must target the goals of warmonger circles in the US and its European allies while it expresses its opposition to reactionary and irresponsible policies of the ruling regime in Iran. We call upon the global movement of peace and progress to vigilantly tie their slogans and positions against militarization of warmongering of the US and its allies with regards to Iran, to fundamental opposition to oppressive and reactionary policies of the ruling regime in Iran.

The only way out of the present dangerous crisis is through peaceful negotiations and respect for the sovereignty and independence of nations and to observe the Charter of the United Nations.

Tudeh Party of Iran calls upon all the peace-loving forces of the world to turn the peaceful avenue of resolving the crisis into the only alternative, through raising their voices and divulging the truth, before the warmongers and reactionaries once again impose war and terror on another country in the region.

The Central Committee of Tudeh Party of Iran

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The urgent need to intensify struggle for peace and against adventurism and warmongering!

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In the past few days, the news from around the world and from within the country have been overshadowed in an unprecedented way by the harsh gestures of the Neoconservatives in the United States against Iran on the one hand, and on the other hand, the contradictory statements of the leaders of the Iranian regime – who are trying to strengthen their factional positions using this situation. Meanwhile, the US and its allies are carefully preparing world public opinion to escalate actions against Iran, and the despotic regime's appointed president and his allies in the Pasdaran (Revolutionary Guard) army and the media continue to make irresponsible remarks. It appears as if these gentlemen have learned nothing from the painful experiences of Afghanistan and Iraq, on both sides of our nation's borders. In its analyses reflected in its central organization and official statements, the Tudeh Party of

Iran has been reiterating the dangers of the current situation in Iran with regards to an adventurous confrontation that could quickly spark the flames of the crisis and spiral out of control.

In the past few weeks, we have been witnessing various debates and analyses around the current course of events and its ending. The main issue in this fragile and dire situation is that how the forces concerned with and interested in the future of the people of Iran, those who see their mission in fighting alongside the people of Iran for independence, democracy, human rights, and social justice, could prevent a possible disaster. What is an effective and defensible solution? What is the popular and revolutionary position under these circumstances? Factionalism and divisions in the lines of the opposition will only benefit the despots and the warmongers in the US. There are forces that using the current situation as an excuse, have lined up behind Ahmadinejad's empty and deceitful slogans, and are trying to make an "anti-imperialist" out of him. There are also those that have lined up alongside the monarchists and those who wish to bring back Royal Regime, and have started sending messages back and forth with the CIA and Pentagon authorities in hopes that the "conquest of Tehran" by occupying forces will bring them some benefits.

The important and crucial point here is that considering the provocative actions of the United States, like pressuring the UN Security Council to impose economic sanctions against Iran, raiding the offices of regime authorities in Irbil and arresting 5 of them, and Bush's claim to "arrest or destroy Iranian agents in Iraq" has actually raised the tension to very dangerous levels. The worry here is that the leaders of the ruling regime, neglecting the black clouds of conflict and serious risks that are developing,

instead of mobilizing public opinion in the region and in the world against war, continue their adventurous policies and rhetoric. The despotic regime's appointed president, Ahmadinejad, declared on February 1st that "Iran is on the verge of turning into a superpower and no force would be able to harm it!" We have previously pointed out that it appears that the leaders of the regime are of this belief that the United States does not have the ability to take military action against Iran due to its involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan, and particularly the serious problems it is having in Iraq. Such an evaluation, considering all the disasters that have occurred in the region in the last few years, cannot be considered anything but political thoughtlessness and playing with fire. In an interview with international media "New York Times", "Herald Tribune", and "Le Nouvel Observateur" on January 29th regarding the possibility of the Iranian regime acquiring nuclear weapons and also the possibilities of an attack on Israel, Jacques Chirac, the right wing president of France said that "what is truly dangerous in this situation is not having one or two bombs... but the proliferation of atomic weapons." He then added that if Iran uses atomic weapons it will be facing "sudden attacks". He continued by saying that "Where does Iran want to drop the atomic bomb? On Israel? Before the bomb reaches 200 meters from the ground, Tehran will be demolished."

Although Chirac tried to tone down his words in the political storm that followed the interview, but looking into the words of the French president – which can be a reflection of the heads of state of other imperialist countries and their plans for Iran – is of utmost importance. These ideas also demonstrate this dreadful reality that the dimensions of the problem are of such magnitude for

imperialism that it has even considered the use of weapons of mass destruction against Iran. A number of reports published in the western media these days point to the fact that the United States and its allies have aimed their missile defense systems at Iran. Thus it is clear that the entire region and the world are sitting atop of a pile of gunpowder that needs only a spark made by a foolish policy or an adventurous plan from either side to expose the entire region to a much larger and more horrifying disaster.

The truth is that the top leaders of the regime, after the recent vote rigging in the general election and bringing Ahmadinejad and his military-intelligence cabinet to office, being aware of their lack of credibility and the lack of trust of people in their policies and slogans, believe that by taking adventurous policies and by keeping the country under military tension, can continue and monitor the crisis under controlled conditions. Today it is clear for the majority of people and national and progressive forces of the country that the main goal of the regime leaders and its installed president, in taking such fake adamant positions against Israel and the US, and insisting on their nuclear program, is nothing but to cover up their internal problems, defeats, and their lack of ability to solve Iran's social-economic problems. One of the European media analyzed the developments in the recent months and the results of December [city council] elections and pictured the particular problems of the Ahmadinejad's government in continuing its duties and controlling the society, and concluded that under the current circumstances an aerial assault on our country's military and nuclear installations by Israel or US will benefit Iran's president and tip the political scale in favor of totalitarians.

Understanding all the problems and severe risks that threaten our country, the Tudeh Party of Iran, along with all the progressive and national forces, believes that settling the conditions for a military confrontation must be prevented. We must change the current atmosphere. Our party announced in its statement on January 10 that it strongly opposes any military adventures in the region and considers any escalation in the political or military confrontations against the interests of the people of Iran, the Middle East, and the world. Further in the statement, our party has called upon "the international peace movement to mobilize its forces and strongly oppose this matter [war]." We, in unison with fraternal parties and progressive forces of the world have already started our efforts in this direction. These fragile and risky times call for escalated efforts to struggle for peace and to oppose political - military adventurism; this is an important duty for all of us, and we all have to work towards it tirelessly. We must raise our voices and chant the slogans of peace, oppose adventurism and warmongering wherever possible, strive to create a popular movement to support war and against war, reveal the destructive policies of the regime and adventurous policies of the US for gaining hegemony over the middle east and Persian Gulf, and mobilize the public opinion of the world to prevent another disaster; this is an urgent and undeniable matter. Tudeh Party of Iran is still of the opinion that "united efforts of our nation's popular movement to build a democratic, progressive, and modern Iran can only proceed in an environment of peace in region and the world." Firm and practical steps must be taken in this direction. This is the arena of immediate and serious action of all the working people, the youth, women, and all progressive

individuals and democratic intellectuals of our nation.

Iran 28 years after February '79 revolution, and the devastating continuance of the rule of the "Supreme Leader" Regime

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February 11th of 2007 marks the 28th anniversary of the victory of '79 revolution, the glorious revolution of the people of Iran against despotism of the Royal Regime and for freedom, independence and social justice. February revolution was the spectacular movement of militant workers, students, youth and women of our nation who as a united body overthrew the heavily armed and oppressive Regime of Shah despite all the resources available to it and the support of the imperialist countries, the US in particular, and opened the way to rebuilding a free, developed and democratic Iran. With the fall of the Royal Regime of Shah, the revolution passed its political phase successfully, and stepped into the social phase, i.e. striving to reform the social life and to develop and set new social-economical relations in place.

Prolonged, brutal and bloody suppression of left and democratic forces of the society for more than two decades by the police-intelligence system of Shah's Savak (Intelligence services), had created special conditions for Khomeini and his aides – who had aligned themselves with the slogans of the popular movement – to appropriate the leadership of the revolution. Advocating slogans like freedom for all political forces and movement towards achieving justice in the society and realizing the interests of millions of Iranians, who were living in poverty and deprivation despite the gigantic wealth of oil, placed a momentous social force behind the leadership of the '79 revolution. However, the complicated developments of the first few years after the revolution, including the repeated meddling of imperialism to bring the massive popular movement to its knees, internal conflicts and also the start of Iraq – Iran war, that Saddam Hussein launched against Iran's revolution at the direct order of the US, very soon diverted the revolution from its pathway and gave the opportunity to reactionary forces to stamp their mark on the revolution and the trend of developments in our society. The grand treason of the leadership of the revolution against the noble ideals of the popular movement, i.e. freedom, independence and social justice, and replacing the toppled Regime of Shah with a medieval despotic regime relying on the absolute and indisputable rule of clergies, was a great tragedy, harmful consequences of which are still felt today. Historic examination of the past 28 years demonstrates that the "Supreme Leader" (Velayat-e Faqih) Regime not only has not been able to take steps towards achieving the noble and popular ideals of the February '79 revolution but also, in fact, by taking

anti-popular and deeply reactionary policies, restored the previous despotic and police-controlled regime only this time in the shape of a religious medieval regime. Continuing dominance of capitalist relations and the key role that well-developed mercantile bourgeoisie and bureaucratic bourgeoisie play in setting the social – economical relations of the country in the deeply corrupt governing Regime of “Supreme Leader”, also reflects this fact that the February revolution could not grow up into a social revolution and make the necessary fundamental changes in the structure of our society. The February revolution, like the great French bourgeois revolution, was the doomed anecdote of a great and historic movement that led to the restoration of “Bonapartism” and return of dictatorship as a result of the clear treason of its leaders. The true children of the revolution, the leaders of the popular movement, who had struggled for decades in the prisons of the Shah Regime, intellectuals, labour and student movement activists, and militants who had a fundamental role in forming and leading the movement, very soon were once again returned to the same torture dungeons. And eventually, in an unprecedented crime, thousands of political prisoners and freedom fighters were sent to death squads so that the rotten and politically, ideologically and ethically bankrupt regime of “Supreme Leader” could stay alive for a bit longer. 28 years after the victory of '79 revolution, Iran is still a country facing widespread political, economical and social crises. Unprecedented poverty and deprivation that has put millions of respectable working families through inhumane and harsh conditions of an agonizing life, along with economic failure which is the result of following destructive plans and instructions of imperialist organizations

such as International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, and also continuation of brutal and widespread violation of the basic rights of the majority of the society, are the fruit of the anti-popular policies of the ruling regime in Iran. In addition, to show the clear treacherous acts of the leaders of the “Supreme Leader” Regime more evidently, mention must be made to adventurous and tension-creating policies of the leaders of regime, who has placed Iran at the verge of the serious risk of an all-out intervention and the potential military face off with imperialism.

28 years after the February revolution in Iran, a broad and organized movement of political and social forces to throw away despotism and to liberate the country from the present dangers is needed more than ever. The events of the recent years in the neighbouring countries, including in Iraq and Afghanistan, reveals this fact that how the policies of the dictators and anti-popular regimes could let the occupants step in the country and create disaster, the consequences of which would be nothing but massacre of innocent people and total destruction of the country.

The peace- and freedom-loving and progressive forces of our country have urgent tasks in hand to save the country from the potential risks in this intricate and very fragile situation. Like the experience of the magnificent victory of the February revolution, together we must resist against the reaction and its vicious policies, and not allow imperialism to block our people’s way to settle their rule over their rights, by explicitly interfering in the internal affairs of our nation.

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