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To: AIC Board of Directors and Advisory Council

From: Dr. Hooshang Amirahmadi
President, AIC

It is my great pleasure to welcome Trita Parsi to our team at AIC. You may recall earlier conversations about his possible employment with AIC, and I am proud to inform you that the wait is over. Trita has received his work permit and will fly in from Stockholm, Sweden on Monday, February 5.

Trita is a graduate of Stockholm University, with a degree in Political Science. Mr. Parsi has also a Master's Degree in Economics from Stockholm School of Economics and a Master's degree in International Relations from Uppsala University. His Master's Thesis in Economics dealt with economic sanctions and the US sanctions policy vis-à-vis Iran.

Most of Trita's work experience has pertained to international and government affairs and he has a keen interest in US-Iran relations. He has worked as a policy advisor on Iran and Middle Eastern issues to Congressman Bob Ney of Ohio. He has also worked at the Swedish Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, where he served in the UN Security Council and the Third Committee of the General Assembly. The Strategy and PR firm KREAB in Stockholm is Trita's latest employer. As a consultant at KREAB, he advised multinational companies, Internet startups and interest organizations on political, communications and strategy issues.

Trita has also been very active in the Iranian-American community, mostly through the organization Iranians for International Cooperation (IIC), which he founded in 1997. IIC's main mission has been to advocate improved US-Iran relations and mobilize the Iranian-American community into an influential political force.

With the title Director of Development, Trita will concentrate on fund raising and membership development, as well as being responsible for congressional liaisons and our congressional roundtables. As with our other staffers, Trita will live within walking distance of our office.

With Trita's arrival, our staffing has been further consolidated and we have every reason to believe that the turnover of the past is behind us.

Please join me in welcoming Trita to our team at AIC!

