

Framework for Recommendations

I. Introduction

- a. Iran should be a key foreign policy priority of the administration
 - i. In interest of national security to change failed approach of last three decades
- b. Campaign promises/mandate for engagement
 - i. Direct and multilateral engagement
 - ii. CNAPI is an asset to help implement plan (legislative agenda, public support)

II. Recommendations

- a. Acceptance of Iranian government
 - i. Avoid regime change rhetoric
 - ii. "Carrots/Sticks/behavior change" = patronizing language
 - iii. Recognition as regional power, give a say in regional security
- b. Interests section
 - i. Open
 - ii. Manage public expectations
 - iii. Increase student visas, people to people exchange
 - 1. Reprogram democracy fund for exchanges
- c. Direct negotiations
 - i. Engage on bilateral issues: Afghanistan, Iraq, terrorism, Israel-Palestine
 - 1. Multilateral discussions with Iran at the table
 - ii. Nuclear issue within context of broader bilateral opening
 - 1. No suspension precondition
 - 2. Supreme Leader, not President makes decisions
 - a. As such, public pronouncements are to be ignored and avoided, the conversation over the negotiating table is all that matters
- d. Congress' role
 - i. Suspend and Assess sanctions initiatives
 - ii. No gasoline embargo
 - iii. Support people-to-people exchange (parliamentary, scientific)
 - 1. Reprogram "regime change" fund
- e. Structural recommendations:
 - i. Special Envoy on Iran:
 - 1. Deputy NSC Director and Special Assistant to the President on Iran
 - a. Answers directly to National Security Advisor
 - b. Should have direct access to the President on Iran issues

III. Conclusion

- a. We can help
 - i. Public support
 - ii. Legislative/Congressional support