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