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Subject: Legislative priorities working group meeting

All,

I would like to convene a special working group meeting to discuss our coalition's recommendations to the 111th Congress. We laid out a basic outline of legislative objectives at our meeting on Wednesday, but I'd like to have a discussion about more specific details.

So, please RSVP to me today if you plan to attend. I will be glad to provide coffee and donuts.

Time: Wednesday, Jan 28, 9:30am.

Location: Open Society Policy Center (1120 19th Street NW, 8th Floor)

Thanks very much.

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Our legislative goals for the 111th Congress:

1. No new sanctions until diplomacy is underway
2. Congress should establish benchmarks for Iran to meet, after which it will support rolling back existing sanctions
3. End the democracy fund as we know it (with suggestions for an alternative)
4. Negotiate an incidents-at-sea agreement with Iran
5. Make it easier for humanitarian groups and charities to do business in Iran (reform OFAC procedures)

This, along with opening an interests section and (obviously) beginning diplomacy with Iran, will feed into our larger framework of engagement.

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