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ISRAEL'S DEFENSE & SECURITY FORUM

H.E. Mr. Joe Biden, President of the United States

The White House

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Dear President Biden,

We, Habithonistim, a group of 1,800 former IDF Generals, high-ranking officers and Mossad operatives dedicated to securing Israel's security, have watched with great concern as your administration appears focused on creating a new agreement based on the flawed guiding principles of the JCPOA. From a strict security perspective, this approach represents an existential threat to the Jewish State. It also would work against your Administration's stated goal of stabilizing the Middle East, as such action would push Israel and her Sunni allies into a dangerous corner and potentially ignite a massive nuclear arms race.

Of great concern, is how the JCPOA guaranteed the radical Islamic regime in Iran a safe path to having the capability to acquire a large arsenal of nuclear weapons. The stronger part of the deal in which Iran gives up some of its enriched uranium and limits its enrichment capability has already elapsed and even the temporary limitations are sunseting shortly.

What is needed is not to succumb to the false brinkmanship and nuclear blackmail of Iran, and to use the maximum pressure sanctions to demand Iran accept a more effective deal that will not include sunset clauses, and will guarantee that Iran shall never have the capability to produce nuclear weapons. A deal that dismantles the military nuclear facilities, provides for real inspections anywhere anytime, limits enrichment for a very long time or prevents it and takes care of delivery systems (ballistic missiles).

President Biden, your 40-year history as a public servant has clearly demonstrated that Israel's security is something you take seriously. The Iranian regime seem to be expecting a deal as favorable to them as the original JCPOA. You have a unique opportunity to disavow them of that fallacy by negotiating a deal that protects Israel, the Middle East and the United State of America from an empowered and nuclear armed Iran.

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