



Mr. Dimitrij Rupel
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovenia
Acting Chairman of the Council
of Foreign Ministers of the European Union

cc: Bernard Kouchner,
Minister for Foreign Affairs of France
José Manuel Durão Barroso,
President of the European Commission

Paris, June 27, 2008

Dear Minister Rupel,

Allow me to express my sincere and deep appreciation of the resolute step taken on June 23rd by the European Commission to impose restrictive measures against Iran (Council Decision 2008/475/EC of 23 June 2008 implementing Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 423/2007). This important step demonstrates to the Iranian regime that the European Union does not tolerate that one country will be allowed to endanger world peace and security.

Without a consolidated position of the international community it will be impossible to compel Iran to withdraw from its nuclear ambitions and engage in a constructive dialogue with the IAEA. Only by acting firmly together can we demonstrate our determination to comply with the non-proliferation treaty obligations and the decisions of the international institutions, primarily the UN Security Council resolutions.

The European Jewish Congress (EJC) has made the Iranian nuclear threat its top priority. As you will probably recall, this was the central issue raised when the EJC delegation met with the Slovenian leadership last April in Ljubljana. We appreciate that your decision is in line with our own concerns.

We are grateful to you and to the EU leadership for the commitment you have demonstrated and we hope that consistent steps will be taken in the future.

Sincerely,

Viatcheslav Moshe Kantor