

RELEASE IN FULL

Unofficial Translation

In the name of Allah, the most compassionate, the most merciful

Feb. 14, 2012
139219

Her Excellency Lady Catherine Margaret Ashton
High Representative of the European Union
for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Your Excellency

I would like to thank you for welcoming my proposal I raised on 6th of September 2011 "to start talks in direction of taking fundamental steps for cooperation" In your letter of 21st of October 2011.

As it has been mentioned in Islamic Republic of Iran's proposed package of 2009 and in the letter of 8th of May 2011 and 6th of September 2011 as well, we voice our readiness for dialogue on a spectrum of various issues which can provide ground for constructive and forward looking cooperation.

We welcome the assertion in your letter that you made on "respecting Islamic Republic of Iran's right to the peaceful use of nuclear energy consistent with the NPT". No doubt that by committing to this approach, our talks for cooperation based on step by step principles and reciprocity on Iran's nuclear issue could be commenced. Constructive and positive attitude towards Islamic Republic of Iran's new Initiatives in this round of talks could open positive perspective for our negotiation.

Therefore, within this context, I propose to resume our talks in order to take fundamental steps for sustainable cooperation in the earliest possibility in a mutually agreed venue and time.

Sincerely yours,

Saeed Jalili
Representative of the Supreme Leader and
the Secretary of Supreme National Security Council
of the Islamic Republic of Iran