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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Susan Rice
United States Ambassador to the United Nations
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Dear Ambassador Rice,

I would like to express my appreciation for your efforts this past year to seek passage of additional United Nations Security Council sanctions against Iran. Resolution 1929 has proven to be a vital part of the international campaign to increase pressure on Iran to suspend its nuclear program.

While I recognize that Resolution 1929 represented progress in U.N. efforts to confront Iran's ambitions, unfortunately it lacked the force to be as effective as I would have hoped. While looking for ways to strengthen these sanctions, I also recognize the dynamics of the Security Council make additional resolutions not feasible at this time. Promisingly, the current sanctions regime provides some mechanisms to increase the pressure on Iran without an entirely new resolution.

Specifically, I encourage you to take advantage of the U.N. Sanctions Committee, established by Resolution 1737, to press for the addition of new companies and individuals to the list of sanctioned Iranian entities. The United States has designated dozens of Iranian entities tied to the country's nuclear proliferation efforts that have not been targeted by the U.N. to date. Scores of Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines and Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps companies have been sanctioned by the U.S. but not by the U.N. I urge you to work with your U.N. colleagues to include these entities in the annex of current U.N. sanctions resolutions.

The comprehensive implementation and robust enforcement of U.N. sanctions against Iran is vital to demonstrating international unity and resolve in confronting Iran's illicit activities. I look forward to working with you to bolster efforts to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons capability.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

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Member of Congress