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Political-Analytical Statement and Official Report of the International Conference “Constructing a Democratic Iran”

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The Democratic Platform of Iran is proud to announce that the international conference “**Constructing a Democratic Iran**” was held on 11 June 2026 at the European Parliament in Brussels, with the participation of Members of the European Parliament, political and academic figures, human rights defenders, civil society activists, and representatives of a wide range of nations, communities, and political and social forces from Iran.

The conference took place at a time when Iran is experiencing one of the most sensitive and complex periods in its contemporary history. On the one hand, political, economic, social, environmental, and human rights crises, resulting from decades of authoritarianism, centralization, and structural discrimination, have created profound challenges for Iranian society. On the other hand, regional developments, war, and foreign interventions have further increased the complexity of the situation. In this context, the main purpose of the conference was to provide a platform for democratic dialogue about Iran’s future, to examine possible paths beyond the current situation, and to explore shared horizons for building a free, democratic Iran based on human dignity.

The conference “Constructing a Democratic Iran” was based on the belief that Iran’s future cannot be defined merely through a change of government or a transfer of political power. What Iran needs is the development of a new vision for democratic coexistence, equal participation, and the reconstruction of political and social relations among all the people living in the country. Therefore, the central theme of the conference was a discussion of the political, social, and legal foundations of a democratic Iran and how all nations, communities, and citizens can participate in building it.

During the opening session, Members of the European Parliament expressed their solidarity with the people of Iran and emphasized the importance of defending human rights, fundamental freedoms, equality, and democracy. At the same time, it was once again stressed that support for the people of Iran should not be reduced to support for war, military intervention, or policies based on destabilization. Participants emphasized that the people of Iran should not be forced to choose between domestic authoritarianism and foreign intervention, and that the path toward freedom and democracy must be based on the will of the people, civil struggles, and democratic solutions.

One of the most important themes of the conference was the role of Iran’s different nations and communities in the process of constructing a democratic order in the country. Speakers emphasized the

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multinational, multicultural, multilingual, and multi-faith reality of Iran and stated that any democratic project for the country's future can only succeed if it is based on recognizing this diversity and guaranteeing equal participation for all communities.

Within this framework, representatives of Kurdish, Baloch, Arab, and Turkmen political parties, along with other political and civil activists and representatives of existing political coalitions, emphasized the need to end policies of denial, assimilation, and centralization. They called for mechanisms that would make genuine and equal participation in governing the country possible for all citizens.

Discussions highlighted democratic decentralization, democratic self-governance of communities, the fair distribution of power, and the protection of women's rights, national and identity rights, cultural and linguistic rights, religious rights, and sexual and gender rights as part of democratic solutions for Iran's future.

Another section of the conference focused on the role of women, civil society, social movements, and the younger generation in the process of democratic transition. In this context, the "Jin, Jiyan, Azadi" (Woman, Life, Freedom) movement received special attention as one of the most important political and social developments in Iran in recent years. Participants viewed this movement not merely as a political protest, but as an expression of society's deep desire for freedom, equality, human dignity, and a redefinition of power relations in Iran.

The conference also emphasized that democracy is not simply a collection of political institutions or electoral processes. Rather, it requires the development of a democratic culture, the strengthening of civil society, active citizen participation, respect for differences, and the institutionalization of the values of dialogue and coexistence. Therefore, democratic education, strengthening independent institutions, freedom of the media, judicial independence, transitional justice, and the protection of citizens' fundamental rights were discussed as essential components of any democratic transition.

Another important topic discussed during the conference was the environment and its connection to democracy. Participants emphasized that the widespread destruction of natural resources, the water crisis, the degradation of ecosystems, and unaccountable development policies are all part of Iran's governance crisis. They stressed that without environmental justice and the participation of local communities, achieving sustainable development and democracy would not be possible.

During the final panels, participants examined the prospects for democratic alternatives and the possibility of reaching a broad agreement among Iran's democratic and freedom-seeking forces. Speakers emphasized that Iran's future requires dialogue, cooperation, and the creation of common mechanisms among political and social forces committed to democracy. Differences of opinion and political diversity were viewed not as obstacles, but as part of the reality of Iranian society and as a potential source of strength for building a democratic and pluralistic order.

The message of this conference to Iranian society is clear: a democratic future can only be built through broad participation, acceptance of diversity, dialogue, and solidarity among all nations, communities, women, youth, and freedom-seeking forces. No single nation, community, or political

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movement can build Iran's future alone. The transition to democracy requires the development of a shared will for living together in freedom and equality.

The message of this conference to Europe and the international community is equally clear: support for the people of Iran should not be limited to relations between governments and the Islamic Republic. The international community must listen to the voices of civil society, democratic movements, women, political prisoners, and the various nations and communities of Iran. Human rights, democracy, and the right of people to determine their own future and to construct a democratic Iran should be placed at the center of international policies. Lasting stability and security in Iran and the region will not be achieved through war and military intervention, but through democracy, justice, and popular participation.

The Democratic Platform of Iran considers this conference not as a one-time event, but as part of an ongoing process aimed at expanding democratic dialogue about Iran's future. We believe that the formation of a shared democratic horizon among Iran's diverse political and social forces is possible, and that this conference was a step toward bringing such a horizon closer.

The Democratic Platform of Iran expresses its appreciation to all speakers, Members of the European Parliament, representatives of political parties and organizations, civil society institutions, political and human rights activists, and all participants. The Platform reaffirms its commitment to continuing these dialogues and strengthening cooperation among all democratic and freedom-seeking forces.

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