



THE THREAT FROM IRAN



DIPLOMATIC DANCE: IRAN'S REJECTION OF U.S. OUTREACH EFFORTS

The United States has made repeated diplomatic efforts to resolve its disputes with Iran and persuade Tehran to abandon its support for terror and its nuclear program. Unfortunately, Iran has consistently rebuffed America's approach. In those rare cases when Tehran agreed to enter negotiations, it used talks to forestall pressure and continue its illicit activities.



“ Iran’s leaders still have the opportunity to make the right decision. They can choose a path that brings them back into the community of nations, or they can continue down a dead end. ... Iran’s leaders should understand that I do not have a policy of containment. ”

– President Barack Obama, March 6, 2012

American efforts to negotiate a resolution to the Iranian nuclear challenge and other disputes have been ongoing for 30 years. They continue today. However, the Islamic Republic has not yet been willing to cease its pursuit of a nuclear weapons capability.

Our hope is that diplomacy can prevent Tehran from achieving its objective; however, to date this approach has not succeeded because the Islamic Republic has consistently used talks to stall the international community and advance its own ambitions.

Diplomacy will only succeed when Iran demonstrates its intention to dismantle its nuclear weapons program. America must continue to insist that Iran provide concrete, verifiable evidence of its change of course. Iran must unreservedly come into compliance with its international obligations and abandon its nuclear weapons quest.