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JCRC Statement on the Iran Framework Agreement

San Francisco, CA – JCRC has actively opposed Iran’s nuclear ambitions for years, and continues to believe it is a matter of the utmost urgency. The announcement of a framework deal with Iran regarding its nuclear activities has raised cautious hopes, questions and serious concerns in our community. Among the most pressing is how effective the deal will be in preventing Iran from becoming a nuclear threshold state and from triggering a nuclear arms race in the Middle East. Any Iranian nuclear weapons capability would pose an existential threat to Israel and other American allies, and create grave security risks worldwide.

Reiterating the vital importance of strong American-Israel relations will be critically important at this time. There is certain to be fervent debate. Our hope is that civility, restraint and reasoned discourse will prevail.

JCRC will be watching very carefully as details of the framework are finalized. We believe that the preferred solution to stopping Iran’s nuclear weapons program is a diplomatic one, and strongly endorse President Obama’s stated goal of cutting off “every pathway that Iran could take to develop a nuclear weapon.” We strongly urge the Administration to take into consideration the serious concerns of Israel, bipartisan voices in Congress and other countries in light of Iran’s historic track record of violating U.N. resolutions regarding its nuclear development program and thwarting international inspections, and its continuing sponsorship of global terrorism.

A key test of Iran’s true ambitions going forward will be whether it stops its support of terrorism and moves from threatening Israel’s existence to accepting Israel’s right to exist as a sovereign state. We urge the administration to continue to work tirelessly on addressing these concerns.

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