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## Appeal to Kofi Annan

For a moratorium and a high level UN Commission to mediate in the conflict over Iran's nuclear programme, and to break the cycle of escalation

The conflict between Iran and the West has become alarmingly more acute since mid January. Threats and counter-threats have been stepped up. Soon, the confrontation could take another course and lead to sanctions or the use of force, seriously affecting world peace. In order to prevent further escalation, there has to be a break in the conflict for the conflict parties to be able to carefully reconsider their aims and patterns of behaviour, in order to develop new proposals and procedures. To achieve this, we suggest that the UN Secretary-General exercise his right to call a UN Commission into being at any time.

We request the UN Secretary-General to set up, as soon as possible, an international UN Mediation Commission made up of personalities of an outstanding and broad reputation. The Commission, chaired by the UN Secretary-General, should develop proposals for a peaceful solution to the conflict and present them to the world public within half a year's time.

Members of the Commission should be experienced politicians that are no longer in office, as well as personalities of outstanding moral authority.\*

The Commission would request the Iranian government to suspend enrichment of uranium and other research activities relating to the field of nuclear technology during the period of its deliberations, in the sense of a moratorium. All conflicting parties would be called upon to desist from making any kind of threats aimed at each other.

The proposal of a moratorium, combined with such a high-ranking Mediation Commission, should be acceptable for all parties since in this time period no further threatening factors would arise.

Our proposal is linked to the hope that this process would not only result in a solution for the Iranian nuclear conflict, but also would open up possibilities for multinational consultations on the whole region of the Greater Middle East that go far beyond the scope of the present nuclear conflict.

Thus the signatories of this appeal request UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to take the initiative in favour of a moratorium and for mediation.

\* We have named a few examples here of personalities that in our opinion could be called upon to serve on such a Commission.

Martti Ahtisaari (former President of Finland)  
Gro Harlem Brundtland (former Prime Minister of Norway)  
William Jefferson Clinton (former President of the United States of America)  
Michail Gorbachev, (former President of the Soviet Union)  
Sayyid Mohammad Khatami (former President of the Islamic Republic of Iran)  
Nelson Mandela (former President of South Africa)  
Avi Primor (former Ambassador of Israel to Germany)  
Mary Robinson (former President of Ireland)  
Michel Rocard (former Prime Minister of France)  
Gerhard Schröder (former Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany)  
Grand Ayatollah Sayyid Ali Husaini Sistani (Shiite Leader in Iraq)



UNESCO Peace Prize 1984  
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## **Signatories**

### **Individuals**

Mary-Wynne Ashford, former President of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW)

Richard Butler, Diplomat in Residence at the Council of Foreign Relations and former Head of UNSCOM

Rt. Hon. Malcolm Fraser, former Prime Minister of Australia

Jean du Preez, Director of the International Organizations and Nonproliferation Program, Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies

Michel Rocard, former Prime Minister of France

Mairead Corrigan Maguire, Nobel Peace Laureate, 1976

William W. Monning, JD, Professor of Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, Monterey Institute of International Studies

Senator emeritus Douglas Roche O.C. , former Ambassador for Disarmament, Canada

### **International Organisations**

Global Anti-Nuclear Alliance (GANA), Netherlands

Prof. Dr. Hans-Peter Duerr, Global Challenge Network

Kiichi Miyazawa, Co-Chairman, Interaction Council

Alfred L. Marder, President, International Association of Peace Messenger Cities

Dr. Gunnar Westberg/Dr. Ron McCoy, Co-Presidents of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War

Fiona Dove, Transnational Institute

Susi Snyder, Secretary-General, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

### **National Organisations**

Jean-Marie Magagne, Association des Citoyennes pour le Désarmement Nucléaire (ACDN)

Janet Bloomfield, Atomic Mirror, UK

Pamela Meidell, Atomic Mirror, USA

Wayne Hall, ATTAC-Hellas, Greece

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For a list of the **German signatures** of individuals and organisations, numbering more than two hundred, please go to <http://www.friedenskooperative.de/themen/iranapp.htm>

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