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Resolution #2 **Tensions in the Persian Gulf**

The General Assembly,

Noting that the Persian Gulf via the Straits of Hormuz account for 35% of all seaborne trade oil, and 20% of all oil traded and consumed.

Recognizing that any disruption in the movement of oil through the Persian Gulf and Straits of Hormuz will fundamentally damaged the global economy,

Deeply concerned by the bellicose rhetoric emanating from elements of the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran,

Deeply concerned about the growing evidence of Iran's covert nuclear enrichment programme whose purpose is clearly directed towards the acquisition of a nuclear weapons capability,

Further deeply concerned about the failure of the Islamic Republic of Iran to meet its legal obligations as a signatory of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty,

Recognizing the legal rights of the international community to impose further economic sanctions against the Islamic Republic of Iran for failing to meet its legal obligations under the Nuclear Non-ProliferationTreaty,

Rejecting any legal basis for the Islamic Republic of Iran to link economic sanctions to its rights to close the Persian Gulf and Straits of Hormuz to the free movement of ships through an international strait,

Recognizing that any attempt by the Islamic Republic of Iran to close the Persian Gulf and Straits of Hormuz by the threat or act of force will constitute an act of aggression,

- 1. *Calls upon* the Islamic Republic of Iran to renounce publically and forcefully its threat to use force to close the Persian Gulf and the Straits of Hormuz to the free movement of ships,
- 2. Calls upon the Islamic Republic of Iran to meet immediately all its obligations as a signatory of the Non-Proliferation Treaty to re-assure the international community that its nuclear program is not intended to as a means to acquire nuclear weapons, and thereby forestall the likelihood of economic sanctions.
- 3. *Requests* Member States under the auspices of the Security Council to coordinate an international response to the closure of the Persian Gulf and Straits of Hormuz as permitted under Article 42, Chapter Seven of the United Nations' Charter,
- 4. *Calls upon* the Islamic Republic of Iran and the international community, under the joint leadership of the Secretary-General and the European Union to enter into immediate discussions to defuse the current tensions in the region,
- 5. Decides to remain actively seized of this matter.