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## **Presence of the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament at the Council of Europe**

Written declaration No. 402

This declaration reflects solely the views of the members who have signed it

The undersigned

1. Considering the invitation to the 4<sup>th</sup> part-session in 2007 issued to Mr Haddad Adel, President of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly and Speaker of the Iranian parliament;
2. Observing that this invitation to the President of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly neither conceals nor defends the fact that he is an eminent representative of a radical Islamic regime which flouts all the democratic rules set forth in the Statute of the Council of Europe;
3. Underlining emphatically that any intercultural or inter-faith dialogue presupposes at the same time respect for fundamental principles; this therefore precludes such contacts, even if only indirect, with representatives of the Iranian regime;
4. Point out that the Iranian regime obstinately continues to support the eradication of Israel, a member state of the United Nations and observer to our Assembly since 1957. Iran denies the Holocaust, and in so doing stands apart from the vast majority of civilised countries;
5. Refer to the efforts made by Iran and its allies such as Syria to obtain a military nuclear capability, a new threat to world peace;
6. Call on the Assembly, the authorities of the Council of Europe and staff members of the Organisation to stay away from the Council during Mr Haddad Adel's visit if it is maintained;
7. Call on the representatives of governments and the press to condemn this visit, in order to preserve the credibility of our Organisation.

*Signed (see overleaf)*

*Signed*<sup>1</sup>:

DREYFUS-SCHMIDT Michel, France, SOC  
AGRAMUNT Pedro, Spain, EPP/CD  
BADRÉ Denis, France, ALDE  
DURRIEU Josette, France, SOC  
ERR Lydie, Luxembourg, SOC  
GARDETTO Jean-Charles, Monaco, EPP/CD  
GOERENS Charles, Luxembourg, ALDE  
GRAF Angelika, Germany, SOC  
GRIGNON Francis, France, EPP/CD  
GROSS Andreas, Switzerland, SOC  
GROSSKOST Arlette, France, EPP/CD  
HÄGG Carina, Sweden, SOC  
HAPPART Jean-Marie, Belgium, SOC  
HUSS Jean, Luxembourg, SOC  
JUNG Armand, France, SOC  
JURGENS Erik, Netherlands, SOC  
KUCHEIDA Jean-Pierre, France, SOC  
LONCLE François, France, SOC  
MARQUET Bernard, Monaco, ALDE  
MIGNON Jean-Claude, France, EPP/CD  
REYNAUD Marie-Line, France, NR  
RIES Roland, France, NR  
RUSSELL-JOHNSTON, United Kingdom, ALDE  
TOMLINSON, United Kingdom, SOC  
ZINGERIS Emanuelis, Lithuania, EDG

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Total = 25

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<sup>1</sup> SOC: Socialist Group  
EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party  
ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe  
EDG: European Democratic Group  
UEL: Group of the Unified European Left  
NR: not registered in a group