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**Honourable President Wladimir Putin
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Open letter – The treacherous and shameful act of the corrupt Islamic regime to the Caspian Sea Treaty

Dear Mr. President:

It is known that the Caspian Lake in northern Iran is the largest inland lake in the world. Since the Caspian Sea is not part of international Seas and is not subject to international water laws, so, according to the agreement of 1921 between the imperial government of Iran and the Soviet Union, the resources of the Caspian Sea are divided equally between the two countries. Under the agreement, Iran's combined share of all natural resources such as oil and gas and subsea resources, as well as shipping and fishing in the Caspian Sea, is fifty percent.

This treaty was not cancelled and remained in force with the collapse of the Soviet Union.

On December 21, 1991, the new coastal republics on the Caspian Sea, Russia, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Azerbaijan committed themselves to comply with the Soviet treaties with other countries and signed the Alma-Ata treaty.

On 12th August 2018, Russia, Kazakhstan, Turkamanistan, Azerbaijan and the Islamic regime in Iran signed an illegal agreement in the Kazakh coastal town of Aktau. Representing the Islamic regime in Iran, Hassan Rouhani, represented the Caspian Lake Convention on the 5th Summit of the Caspian States. Thus, the Islamic Republic of Iran has given away the right of the Iranian people on the Caspian Lake to Russia and its allies. Hereby, the illegal ruling regime in Iran has



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taken another step towards its survival and prolong its existence by pleasing the Russians, by sacrificing the Iranian national and territorial interests.

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, the four riparian states: Russia, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Azerbaijan wanted to treat the surface of the Lake as a See and extend their rights of use among five neighbouring states. They have been arguing and negotiating about it for almost three decades, even though according to the 1921 and 1940 Socialist Soviet Union treaties, Iran has right to 50% of the Caspian Lake all natural resources, due to the extension and validity of these treaties being in force. The newly formed republics around the Lake, after the collapse of the Soviet Union, according to the principle of succession, and 1921 Declaration in Alma Ata, they can enjoy only 50% of the right to the Lake, combined, and Iran possess a 50% ownership right to the Caspian Lake, which is authentic and indisputable.

The Iranian people strongly condemns this illegal treaty, which may be termed Turkmenchai II treaty, planned by Iran's corrupt. illegal and illegitimate regime with its criminal rulers, notably Ali Khamenei, Hassan Rouhani and Javad Zarif.

The Iranian nation, is calling on the United Nations, the European Parliament, and governments of the free world to assist the Iranian people in preventing this nefarious act by the Islamic regime to take effect. The Iranian opposition and encourages the peaceful demonstrations by the Iranian people around the world against the shameful act of Islamic regime in granting Iranian people's right to Caspian Lake to foreigners governments.

The Iranian nation will never accept this shameful treaty and reserve the right to take appropriate measures to cancel this agreement.

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