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Subject: Protest against the Joint Statement of October 28, 2026, regarding the Iranian Islands of Abu Musa, Greater Tunb, and Lesser Tunb

Dear Prime Minister Carney,

We, the members of the Iranian Democracy Front, a coalition of 39 political groups and organizations struggling for a free, secular, and democratic Iran and for the liberation of the Iranian people from the grip of the Islamic Republic, write to express our profound objection to the joint statement issued on October 28, 2026, following your meeting with the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, in which the Iranian islands of Abu Musa, Greater Tunb, and Lesser Tunb were characterized as UAE territory under occupation.

First, we must clarify a fundamental historical inaccuracy that has been repeatedly propagated. These three islands have not merely been under Iranian administration since 1971; they have always been, throughout the long course of history, an inalienable part of the territory of Iran. The Iranian identity of these islands is rooted in millennia of historical, geographical, and legal bonds with Iran, a heritage established long before the formation of the United Arab Emirates in 1971.

Therefore, framing the year 1971 as the beginning of Iran's connection to these islands is to accept a fabricated and false claim.

As the leader of a democratic nation, Mr. Prime Minister, you cannot and should not question the territorial integrity of another nation—in this case, Iran.

The territorial integrity of no country is subject to buy-and-transactions, nor can it be compromised in a joint communiqué for diplomatic convenience or economic interest.

No country, regardless of its wealth or readiness to invest in Canada or elsewhere in the world, including the United Arab Emirates, possesses the right to lay claim to the territorial integrity of Iran.

We state this matter openly and unequivocally: the current regime in Iran does not represent the Iranian people. The Iranian Democracy Front has been fighting for years to liberate Iran from the grip of this repressive and terrorist regime.

Nevertheless, Iran's territorial integrity transcends any government or political structure. This land belongs to the Iranian nation and its millennia-old history.

At this critical juncture, as the Iranian people struggle to free themselves from the grip of this regime, such grave political errors do not weaken the current government—they strengthen it and grant it further pretext.

Nothing unites Iranians, across all political beliefs and religious backgrounds, more than the defense of Iran's territorial integrity.

By adopting such a stance and questioning Iran's territorial integrity, the Government of Canada inadvertently provides the Islamic regime with a pretext to exploit the patriotic feelings of the people and portray itself as the defender of Iran and its integrity—a role it has never deserved.

Furthermore, we convey our deep concern regarding the policy of successive Canadian governments, including your own, toward Iran. Despite claiming to support human rights, these governments have in practice enabled the entrenchment of the Islamic Republic regime and have failed to show adequate resistance against its expanding activities.

It is a matter of great shame that Canada has become a safe haven for money laundering, fortunes stolen from the Iranian people, and assets obtained through illicit means—assets transferred out of Iran by affiliates of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and those close to the Islamic regime.

Such an approach is in clear contradiction with the fundamental values, global standing, and humanitarian character of Canada.

Therefore, the Iranian Democracy Front demands from you:

Retraction and Correction of the Statement: The Government of Canada must formally retract and correct the language and terms used regarding the three Iranian islands of Abu Musa, Greater Tunb, and Lesser Tunb in the Persian Gulf in the joint statement of October 28, 2026. This correction must clearly demonstrate that the Government of Canada respects the territorial integrity of Iran and the historical rights of the Iranian nation.

The territorial integrity of Iran is untouchable—neither the United Arab Emirates nor any other state can put it into question.

We await your written response and the corrective actions of your government.

Iranian Democracy Front

CC:

• **The Honourable Anita Anand, P.C., M.P.** Minister of Foreign Affairs (Global Affairs Canada)

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• **Jagmeet Singh, M.P.** Leader of the New Democratic Party (NDP)

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