

Recommendations

Recommendation 1

4.8 The committee recommends that the Australian Government issue a statement that affirms the human rights values it subscribes to, and seeks to promote domestically and internationally, and its condemnation of terrorist activities and military aggression, and affirms that Australia continues to hold concerns over the domestic and foreign policies of the Iranian regime. The committee also recommends that the Australian Government continue to make such statements as appropriate, particularly when it considers Iran has transgressed those principles, including in relation to its ballistic missile activity.

Recommendation 2

4.13 The committee recommends that the Minister for Foreign Affairs carefully consider the value of undertaking public consultation on any changes to Australia's autonomous sanctions regimes, including in instances where the obligations on parties are removed or reduced.

Recommendation 3

4.18 The committee recommends that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade publish on its website a detailed statement explaining the change in Australia's sanctions policy towards Iran, including why sanctions relief was granted to particular activities, persons and entities and not others.

Recommendation 4

4.21 The committee recommends that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade clarify the threshold for the reimposition of autonomous sanctions against Iran and the mechanism by which sanctions would be reimposed.

Recommendation 5

4.22 The committee recommends that the Australian Government undertake a review of all sanctions it has removed in relation to Iran to determine whether such removal is compatible with Australia's interests, values and principles, and not just whether it follows the approach of the European Union. This should include considering the approach that the United States has taken on sanctions with respect to Iran. Following such a review, the committee recommends that the Australian Government present a written report on the review to Parliament.

Recommendation 6

4.26 The committee recommends that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade improve the clarity and accessibility of information on its website on Iran. This should include information on trade which is still restricted or prohibited, and a summary of other international sanctions regimes.

