# Security Council 

## Letter dated 1 August 2008 from the Permanent Representatives of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In support of the Security Council's call in resolution 1803 (2008), paragraph 10, for all States to exercise vigilance over the activities of financial institutions in their territories with banks domiciled in the Islamic Republic of Iran, in particular with Bank Melli and Bank Saderat, and their branches and subsidiaries abroad, we are providing further information on these branches and subsidiaries (see annex). We would like to request that this information be circulated as a document of the Council.
(Signed) Jean-Maurice Ripert
Permanent Representative of the Mission of France
(Signed) John Sawers
Permanent Representative of the Mission of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
(Signed) Zalmay Khalilzad
Permanent Representative of the United States Mission

# Annex to the letter dated 1 August 2008 from the Permanent Representatives of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council 

## Islamic Republic of Iran bank branches and subsidiaries

On March 3, 2008, the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 1803 (UNSCR 1803), which called on all states to exercise vigilance over activities of financial institutions in their territories with all banks domiciled in Iran, in particular with Bank Melli and Bank Saderat, and their branches and subsidiaries abroad.

Deficiencies in Iran's anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) regime are exacerbated by the Government of Iran's continued attempts to conduct prohibited proliferation related activity and terrorist financing. Through state-owned banks, the Government of Iran disguises its involvement in proliferation and terrorism activities through an array of deceptive practices specifically designed to evade detection. The Central Bank of Iran and Iranian commercial banks have requested that their names be removed from global transactions in order to make it more difficult for intermediary financial institutions to determine the true parties in the transaction. They have also continued to provide financial services to Iranian entities designated by the UN Security Council in its Resolutions 1737 and 1747. It is particularly concerning that the Central Bank of Iran may be facilitating transactions for sanctioned Iranian banks.

UNSCR 1803 calls on member states to exercise vigilance over the activities of financial institutions in their territories with all banks domiciled in Iran, and their branches and subsidiaries abroad. It also welcomed the guidance issued by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to assist States in implementing their financial obligations under resolution 1737 (2007).

Against this background, all financial institutions should take into account the risk arising from the deficiencies in Iran's AML/CFT regime, as well as relevant UNSCRs and all applicable international sanctions programs, with regard to any possible transactions with the following Iranian institutions:

AGRICULTURAL BANK (a.k.a. BANK KESHAVARZI) Tehran, Iran
AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE BANK OF IRAN (a.k.a. BANK TAAVON KESHAVARZI IRAN) Tehran, Iran

## AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BANK OF IRAN (a.k.a. BANK JOSIAIYI KESHAHVARZI) Tehran, Iran

ARIAN BANK (a.k.a. ARYAN BANK) Kabul, Afghanistan (Note: According to open source information on the international banking industry, Arian Bank is a joint venture between Iran's Bank Melli and Bank Saderat.)

BANCO INTERNACIONAL DE DESARROLLO SA Caracas, Venezuela (Note: According to open source information, Banco Internacional de Desarrollo SA is a branch of the Export Development Bank of Iran (EDBI).)

BANK KARGOSHAEE Tehran, Iran

BANK MASKAN (a.k.a. HOUSING BANK (of Iran)) Tehran, Iran
BANK MELLAT Tehran, Iran
BANK MELLAT Seoul, South Korea
BANK MELLAT Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir, Turkey
BANK MELLI IRAN Tehran, Iran
BANK MELLI IRAN Paris, France
BANK MELLI IRAN Hamburg, Germany
BANK MELLI IRAN Central, Hong Kong
BANK MELLI IRAN Baghdad, Iraq
BANK MELLI IRAN Muscat, Oman
BANK MELLI IRAN Al Ain, Deira, Dubai City, Fujairah, Ras al-Khaimah, and Sharj ah, United Arab Emirates

BANK MELLI IRAN ZAO Moscow, Russia
BANK OF INDUSTRY AND MINE (of Iran) (a.k.a. BANK SANAD VA MADAN) Tehran, Iran

BANK REFAH (f.k.a. WORKERS WELFARE BANK, f.k.a. BANK REFAH KARGARAN) Tehran, Iran

BANK SADERAT IRAN Tehran, Iran
BANK SADERAT Paris, France
BANK SADERAT Frankfurt, Hamburg, Germany
BANK SADERAT Athens, Greece
BANK SADERAT Baalbak, Beirut, Saida, Lebanon
BANK SADERAT Muscat, Oman
BANK SADERAT Doha, Qatar

BANK SADERAT Ashgabat, Turkmenistan
BANK SADERAT Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Al Ain, Dubai City, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
BANK SADERAT PLC London, United Kingdom
BANK SADERAT TASHKENT Tashkent, Uzbekistan
BANK SEPAH Tehran, Iran
BANK SEPAH Paris, France
BANK SEPAH Frankfurt, Germany
BANK SEPAH Rome, Italy
BANK SEPAH INTERNATIONAL PLC London, United Kingdom
BANK TEJARAT Tehran, Iran
BANK TEJARAT Paris, France
BANK TEJARAT Dusanbe, Tajikistan
THE CENTRAL BANK OF IRAN (a.k.a. BANK MARKAZI JOMHOURI ISLAMI IRAN) Tehran, Iran

EUROPAEISCH-RRANISCHE HANDELSBANK AG (Ek.a. DEUTSCHIRANISCHE HANDELSBANK AG) Hamburg, Germany (Note: According to available open source information on international businesses, the Iranian Bank of Industry \& Mines owns more than $50 \%$ of EIH Bank, Bank Mellat owns more than $25 \%$ and Bank Tejerat owns less than $25 \%$. There are two branches also located in Iran.)

EUROPAEISCH-IRANISCHE HANDELSBANK AG (f.k.a. DEUTSCH-IRANISCHE HANDELSBANK AG) Tehran, Iran

## EXPORT DEVELOPMENT BANK OF IRAN (a.k.a. BANK TOWSEH SADERAT IRAN)

 Tehran, IranFUTURE BANK B.S.C. Manama, Bahrain (Note: According to its corporate documents, Future Bank BSC is controlled by Iran's Bank Melli, while Iran's Bank Saderat also holds a stake in the bank. Collectively, banks domiciled in Iran own approximately $65 \%$ of this bank, which qualifies this bank, for purposes of paragraph 10 of UNSCR 1803, as a subsidiary of banks domiciled in Iran.)

IRAN OVERSEAS INVESTMENT BANK PLC (a.k.a. IRAN OVERSEAS INVESTMENT CORPORATION LIMITED) London, United Kingḍom (Note: Now known as Bank Saderat PLC. According to open source information, Iran Overseas Investment Bank PLC (n.k.a. Bank Saderat PLC) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Iran's Bank Saderat.)

KARGOZARI BANK TEJARAT Tehran, Iran
MELLAT BANK DB AOZT (a.k.a. MELLAT BANK S/B CJSC) Yerevan, Armenia
MELLAT BANK S/B CJSC (a.k.a. MELLAT BANK DB AOZT) Yerevan, Armenia
MELLI BANK PLC. London, United Kingdom
PERSIA INTERNATIONAL BANK PLC. London, United Kingdom (Note:
According to the 2006/2007 Annual Report of Persia International Bank PLC, Iran's Bank Mellat owns $60 \%$ and Iran's Bank Tejarat owns the remaining $40 \%$, making this bank a subsidiary of a bank domiciled in Iran. Open source information shows that Bank Melli and other Iranian banks list the Persia International Bank PLC as a correspondent bank, while Bank Melli additionally lists the Persia International Bank as their only settlement bank for U.S. dollar settlements.)

PERSIA INTERNATIONAL BANK PLC. Dubai City, United Arab Emirates (Note: According to the 2006/2007 Annual Report of Persia International Bank PLC, this bank is a branch of the London-based Persia International Bank. It is therefore owned by Bank Mellat and Bank Tejarat, qualifying it, for purposes of paragraph 10 of UNSC resolution 1803, as a subsidiary of banks domiciled in Iran.)

POST BANK OF IRAN Tehran, Iran (Note: According to open source information, Post Bank of Iran is a commercial government-owned bank, and is $100 \%$ owned by the Ministry of Information and Communications.)

## Privately Owned Iranian Financial Institutions

BANK PASARGAD Tehran, Iran
EN BANK PJSC (a.k.a. EGHTESAD-E-NOVIN BANK) Tehran, Iran
KARAFARIN BANK Tehran, Iran
PARSIAN BANK Tehran, Iran
SAMAN BANK CORPORATION Tehran, Iran
BANK SARMAYE Tehran, Iran

