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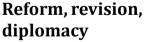Crafting national security strategy

A present necessity, future imperative for Iran

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At the dawn of the new century, amid profound transformations in the international order, the world grapples with increasing uncertainty and unprecedented complexities. New alignments among great powers, such as those witnessed between Europe and the United States during the Trump era, the emergence of complex and ambiguous technologies like artificial intelligence, the intensification of geopolitical and geo-economic rivalries, and multifaceted environmental and health crises have created conditions where navigating the future without a precise roadmap and strategic compass is both perilous and costly.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, as a major and influential actor in the West Asia region and embarking on the "Second Phase of the Islamic Revolution" – which outlines a long-term vision for the country's progress and excellence – requires, more than ever, the formulation and declaration of an operational and integrating document to enhance the convergence of national capacities towards securing national interests. This crucial need can be met through a codified, comprehensive, and forward-looking National Security Strategy (NSS) document. Such a document would not only clarify the country's course in the turbulent sea of regional and international relations but also act as a national covenant, consolidating domestic capabilities and conveying a clear message to the world.

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