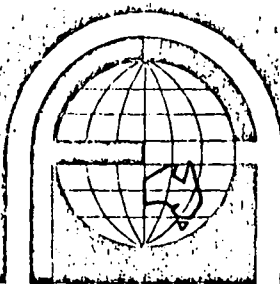


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JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON THE OCCASION OF THE
VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY THEIR IMPERIAL MAJESTIES,
THE SHAHANSHAH ARYAMEHR AND THE SHAHBANOU OF IRAN

At the invitation of the Governor-General, His Excellency Sir John Kerr, K.C.M.G., K.St.J., Q.C., Their Imperial Majesties, The Shahanshah Aryamehr and The Shahbanou of Iran, made a State Visit to Australia from 20 - 27 September 1974.

In Canberra the Governor-General was host to Their Imperial Majesties at his official residence, Government House. During their stay Their Imperial Majesties also visited Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria, where Their Imperial Majesties enjoyed the hospitality of the State Governors and Premiers. While in Australia Their Imperial Majesties visited places of economic, social, cultural and scientific interest.

While in Canberra His Imperial Majesty The Shahanshah Aryamehr held discussions with the Prime Minister, the Honourable E. G. Whitlam, Q.C., M.P. The discussions were attended on the Iranian side by:

- . His Excellency Dr Abbas Ali Khalatbari, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iran
- . His Excellency Mr Hossain Eshraghi, Ambassador of Iran to Australia
- . His Excellency Mr Houshang Batmangelidg, Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- . Mr Anoushiravan Sadigh, Private Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- . and other officials

and on the Australian side by:

- . The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Overseas Trade, the Honourable J.F. Cairns, M.P.
- . The Minister for Minerals and Energy, the Honourable R.F.X. Connor, M.P.
- . The Treasurer, the Honourable Frank Crean, M.P.
- . The Minister for Defence, the Honourable Lance Barnard, M.P.
- . The Minister for Manufacturing Industry, the Honourable Kep. Enderby, Q.C., M.P.
- . The Australian Ambassador to Iran, Mr I. G. Bowden
- . and senior officials

Throughout the visit the Minister for Manufacturing Industry, the Hon. Kep. Enderby, Q.S., M.P., was Minister in Attendance upon His Imperial Majesty.

His Imperial Majesty and the Prime Minister affirmed their mutual desire to strengthen the friendly relations which already existed between Iran and Australia and which had been symbolised by Their Imperial Majesty's visit to Australia. It was hoped that the visit would add impetus to the development of mutual relations and focus attention on the relationship and its potential.

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During their discussions, His Imperial Majesty and the Prime Minister re-affirmed their common attachment to international peace and security based on the principles of the United Nations Charter, and to economic and social progress of the people of Australia and Iran. They noted in particular the inadmissibility of the threat or use of force in international relations and the necessity of the peaceful settlement of international disputes. They recognised that, in a world in which nations were becoming more and more inter-dependent, Iran and Australia had an increasingly positive role to play in regional and international affairs.

In this context, the Prime Minister and His Imperial Majesty reviewed matters of significant regional and international interest. They noted that there existed a close identity of views between the two countries on important world issues.

His Imperial Majesty and the Prime Minister agreed on the vital importance of achieving the objective of international disarmament, under effective international controls, and particularly on the need to halt the spread of nuclear weapons and other kinds of nuclear explosive devices. They expressed their determination to maintain and strengthen the existing non-proliferation regime. They noted that to this end Iran and Australia had both become parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. They earnestly hoped that this Treaty would be strengthened by the adherence of more and more nations leading to the next great goal of a comprehensive test ban treaty and then to the ultimate goal - the elimination of nuclear weapons. The Prime Minister noted in this connection that Iran's concern about nuclear proliferation had found expression in His Imperial Majesty's valuable proposal, which had been included on the agenda of the 29th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, for the establishment of a Nuclear Free Zone in the region of the Middle East. The Prime Minister expressed Australia's warm support for the objectives of this proposal.

*Nuclear Non
Proliferation*

His Imperial Majesty and the Prime Minister also discussed the security of the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean. They recognised the crucial importance to the economic well-being of the world of unhindered trade across international trade routes. His Imperial Majesty and the Prime Minister agreed that the Indian Ocean should remain a zone of peace.

free from great power rivalry, and on the need for restraint by the great powers in this area. A reflection of the mutual interest of the two countries in the security of the Indian Ocean was that both Iran and Australia were members of the United Nations Ad hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean Zone of Peace. His Imperial Majesty and the Prime Minister agreed that the security of the Persian Gulf and of the Indian Ocean should be ensured primarily by the littoral States. They also agreed that there should be greater co-operation between Iran and Australia as well as other littoral States on matters concerning the maintenance of peace and security in these areas.

Indian Ocean

His Imperial Majesty and the Prime Minister reviewed the situation in the Middle East, and expressed their deep interest in the preservation of peace and stability in the area. They expressed particular appreciation of the recent efforts by the United States and other countries in this direction. They urged that there should be renewed and sustained efforts by all nations to expedite the achievement of a just and lasting solution of the Arab-Israeli dispute in accordance with Resolution 242 of November 1967 of the Security Council and of the ensuing resolutions in this regard.

His Imperial Majesty and the Prime Minister also discussed the situation in South-East Asia. They agreed on the urgent need for the full establishment of peace in the area, and the full implementation of the Paris Cease-fire Agreement by the parties concerned, in order to promote the social and economic well being of the people of the region.

His Imperial Majesty and the Prime Minister also reviewed the cultural, scientific, trade and economic aspects of the Australian-Iranian bilateral relationship.

It was agreed that the two countries should endeavour to expand the cultural relations between them with a view to creating greater understanding amongst their peoples of each other's culture and civilisation, and that the two countries should therefore investigate means of co-operation in such fields as education, literature, music, theatre, arts, science and other educational activities. A cultural Agreement embodying these objectives was concluded during the visit.

Cultural Agreement

Because of the mutual interest in scientific co-operation, during his stay His Imperial Majesty visited the headquarters of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and was shown some of the work of the Organisation for Australian industry.

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His Imperial Majesty welcomed the proposal to study the possibility of establishing scientific co-operation in the near future.

His Imperial Majesty and the Prime Minister reviewed the nature of the economic relationship between Iran and Australia. They agreed that there existed far-reaching possibilities for expanding co-operation between the two countries and decided that all measures should be taken to strengthen further this relationship for the economic betterment of both countries.

They expressed their gratification that the two governments were of the one mind in desiring to establish a formal trade relationship between Australia and Iran by the conclusion of a trade agreement.

The Trade Agreement, which was signed during the visit, provides among other things, for the two Governments to take all appropriate measures to facilitate, strengthen and diversify trade and to encourage industrial and technical co-operation between Australia and Iran. It also expresses support of the two Governments for the principle of long term contracts for goods exchanges between enterprises and organisations of the two countries. Importantly, the agreement establishes a joint committee of representatives of the two countries which will meet regularly to consider measures aimed at advancing the objectives of the agreement, and to provide a framework for commercial initiatives in the development of two-way trade and of industrial and technical co-operation.

Trade Agreement - Aust - Iran

His Imperial Majesty and the Prime Minister welcomed the development of commercial proposals and trading arrangements, consistent with the provisions of the Trade Agreement, which held out the prospect of a substantial increase in Australian/Iranian trade. It was recognised that Australia could play a major long-term role in supplying Iran with substantial quantities of food, minerals, metals, and other products required for Iran's rapidly expanding economy. It was also recognised that Iran could play an important long-term role in supplying Australia with petroleum and petro-chemical products.

Both sides also expressed interest in exploring the possibilities of closer co-operation on a government-to-government basis in order to meet their respective long-term trade and investment objectives. Collaboration between appropriate Government instrumentalities and State owned corporations would be encouraged as a desirable means of achieving these objectives.

Export

Further evidence of the spirit of co-operation that exists between the two countries was indicated by assistance being provided by the Australian Exports Payment Insurance Corporation to the newly created Export Guarantee Fund of Iran and by the intention of the Australian Government to send a market development group to Iran in the near future to assist potential Iranian exporters to develop markets in Australia for their products.

His Imperial Majesty, the Shahanshah Aryamehr conveyed his deep appreciation and that of Her Imperial Majesty, the Shahbanou of Iran to the Government and people of Australia for the warm hospitality extended to them wherever they went and expressed the hope that the Prime Minister of Australia would visit Iran in the near future. The Prime Minister indicated his pleasure at this proposal. The date of the visit will be determined later.