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Some of the exporters from India are facing serious problems in doing export business with Iran consequent on the US Sanctions on four leading Iranian Banks such as Bank Melli Iran, Bank Mellat, Bank Saderat Iran and Bank Sepah and subsequent decision of the SBI to stop honouring of letters of credit of Iranian Banks. The matter was also discussed in the meeting taken by the Joint Secretary in the Department of Commerce with representatives of Ministries of Finance, External Affairs, RBI, DGFT, SBI etc.

The possible solutions emerged are as follows:

- 1. In all possible cases, the Iranian authorities may be persuaded to draw their trade invoices in Euro, AED or Saudi Rial.*
- 2. The RBI has issued internal instructions to its Regional Offices to allow settlement of trade transactions in any permitted currency in addition to the Asian Clearing Union Mechanism. The Exporters' Bank can approach the Regional Offices of RBI for approval on a case to case basis.*
- 3. To prefer transactions with the six Banks on which no US sanction exist and SBI have trade transactions. The names of the six banks are as given below:*
 - a) Bank Keshavarzi (Agricultural Bank)*
 - b) Bank Markazi Jomhousi Islami Iran*
 - c) Bank Maskan*
 - d) Bank of Industry & Mine*
 - e) Bank Tejarat*
 - f) Export Development Bank of Iran*

All exporters are requested to take note of the above and to trade with Iran exercising safe guard measures.

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To:

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