## Press Releases: From a Press Availability in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on the Reelection of Iranian President Rouhani

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What we hope — what I would hope — is that Rouhani now has a new term, and that he use that term to begin a process of dismantling Iran's network of terrorism, dismantling its financing of the terrorist network, dismantling of the manning and the logistics and everything that they provide to these destabilizing forces that exist in this region. That's what we hope he does.

We also hope that he puts an end to [Iran's] ballistic missile testing. We also hope that he restores the rights of Iranians to freedom of speech, to freedom of organization, so that Iranians can live the life that they deserve.

That's what we hope this election will bring. I'm not going to comment on my expectation. But we hope that if Rouhani wanted to change Iran's relationship with the rest of the world, those are the things he could do.

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