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Creativity & vision can stop Iran

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Re: Stopping Iran No Easy Task, letter to the editor, May 4; How Canada Can Stop Iran, Avi Benlolo, May 3.

It is all very well to sit in the ivory tower of academia and point out the procedural difficulties inherent in trying to bring Iran to justice via the offices of the International Criminal Court (ICC). Yet no alternative solutions to the urgent problem posed by Iran are proposed.

In contrast to letter-writer Leo Adler's assertion, the Security Council is in fact in prime position to refer an indictment of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei to the ICC. Consider that 10 of 15 member states of the Security Council are also signatories to the Rome Statute. Canada, also a party to the Rome Statute, is in a unique moral position to motivate these aligned states to refer the matter to the ICC.

There is no question that stopping Iran is a complicated task. Yet the difficulty of the task is no excuse for inaction, a lack of creativity and vision.

Although there are a great many players on the world stage who would try to block any attempts to indict Iran and who may, in fact, agree with Mr. Ahmadinejad's profound belief that "Israel must be wiped off the face of the map," I cannot stand by and permit him to continue his venomous tirades. To ignore the issue is to be complicit and admit defeat.

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