

**Representative Henry A. Waxman**  
**H.Res. 523, condemning Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's**  
**threats against Israel**  
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Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support for H. Res. 523 and join my colleagues in condemning Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's threats against Israel.

This week, during an anti-Zionist conference in Tehran, the Iranian President called for Israel to be "wiped off the map" and led group chants of "death to Israel." Standing beside Sheikh Nasrallah, leader of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah terrorist organization, he called for violence against Israel and all states that recognize her existence.

Leaders around the world responded with forceful condemnation. At the U.N., Secretary General Annan acted swiftly to reject Iran's unprovoked hostility.

Now, it is time for the U.N. to stand up as an institution and rebuke Iran for its actions. It is time for the U.N., which has a long history of unfair treatment of Israel, to speak out loudly and clearly in support of its existence.

Iran's threats against Israel violate the fundamental U.N. Charter principle of sovereign equality for all member states. The danger of its rhetoric is only underscored by its open support for terrorist groups that attack Israel, and its determination to develop nuclear weapons and obtain long-range missiles capable of striking Israel.

This alarming incident demonstrates that the international community must redouble its efforts to shut down Iran's nuclear program before the regime has the capability to try and carry out its evil designs.