***CASO Panel***

**"Cultural Dynamics of U.S. - Iran relations: Is Conflict Imminent?"**

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**Dr. I., CASO Director (the moderator’s script)**

Senior Leader’s Opening Remarks/Mr. Alan Borgardts, DP ArmyU.

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Thank you Sir for your support!

Thank you everybody for joining us today for our quarterly session and discussion.

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Similar to our previous panels, CASO’s approach is usually two-fold: first, as a result of careful analysis of the operational environment, we identify the most important topic at that particular time for our National Security and secondly, to invite the best talents across the nation in their respective areas of expertise in support of your missions. Given the recent developments, needless to say that today’s topic is very relevant.

Before setting the stage for the session I would like to share information on how you can access CASO capabilities.

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**You can access related information under “Conferences, Seminars and Forums” among other previous events within about one week after the panel.**

To set the stage, we would like to share a short video, which provides the main historical highlights, to a certain extent explaining the current state of U.S.-Iran relations. I would like to emphasize that we do not support any possible political views or biases, which the video might contain. Rather just to share the historical facts for the purpose of follow on scholarly discussion.

Please let’s play the video.

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As a follow up on the video, this slide summarizes the major sequence of events in bilateral relations, including the recent developments in the region.

The initial remarks by the speakers for about 10-12 minutes will be followed by questions/answers/comments session from the audience for the rest of the time, including from outstations linked through VTC.

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1. Without further ado I would like to yield the floor to Mr. Chris Hoch, who will discuss the major cultural disconnects between the US and Iran, which to a certain extent explain the current state of relations between the two countries.

Mr. Hoch the floor is yours.

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**Thank you Mr. Hoch for the great presentation!**

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1. The next speaker is Dr. Michael Rubin, who will tackle socio-cultural, demographic and economic aspects of the relations between the U.S. and Iran.

Dr. Rubin, the floor is yours.

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**Thank you Dr. Rubin for another very interesting presentation!**

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1. At this time Mr. Brian Steed, will focus on how to use the information in bilateral U.S.-Iran relations in support of your missions.

Mr. Steed, the floor is yours.

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**Thank you Mr. Steed for another great presentation!**

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Now is the time for questions and comments.

Please introduce yourself, ask a question or make a comment. Please use the microphones on the tables and those microphones, if you are in the back sits. Based at least on one feedback after the previous panel, I would like to emphasize that multiple outstations are welcome to participate in the discussion at any time. The floor during the questions and answers session is equally available for this audience and outstations.

Now the floor is yours…..

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(10 Minutes to 15:00):

This is the time to wrap up the session.

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This is the CASO updated reading list, which includes latest publications related to today’s topic. You can access it on CASO website as part of the slide deck.

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The final slide contains our contact information for any related questions.

These are the links to CASO website.

On behalf of all of us I would like to thank our panel for sharing their great expertise! (applauding)

This concludes our session.

We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Thank you. >>>>>>>>>>End>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>