Elected lawmakers of the eighth Iranian parliament - 10 /Jun/ 2008

Islamic Revolution Leader Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khmenei in a speech Tuesday to the newly-elected lawmakers of the eighth Iranian parliament considered the phenomenon of religious democracy as being protected by some Divine custodianship.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the fundamental task of lawmakers shall be to feel responsibile towards God, adding that provided the directors of the System undertake the assignment, different minds and tastes would converge and rational intentions would get united in resolving the existing challenges in a composed atmosphere.

Ayatollah Khamenei said the ultimate goal of the Islamic Republic of Iran was to help human being to gain perfect spirituality, adding that the establishment of Islamic Community which is run by a fair system is just a vehicle to materialize the ultimate goals of the Divine Messengers, the mankind's spiritual perfection.

The Islamic Revolution Leader said God would protect the lawmakers if they undertake their God-assigned duties firmly and bravely, adding that such duties would be of higher importance once an individual sits the sensitive lawmaking position.

Ayatollah Khamenei said laws and regulations would act as software for any national movement and the significance would double if one considered the situation of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Iranian nation which had opened a new track before the humanity.

Ayatollah Khamenei called the Islamic Republic an outcry in the face of blind move of hegemonic systems in trampling on humanity and justice, adding that the savior call would gain ground only through precise propagation that is the establishment of a just system based on Islamic thoughts especially in light of the fact that the revolutionary words of Imam Khomeini are genuinely attractive.

Ayatollah Khamenei said religious democracy and its representations including the lawmaking job are deeply rooted in the Islamic Republic. He elaborated the Islamic platform sits on the view that any custodianship over human being was a monopoly of God while God has allowed human being to trust the custodianship to some individuals through some conduit which has been enshrined in the IRI Constitution as elections.

"This (election) is the authentic, profound and trusted basis of religious democracy," the IR Leader added.

Ayatollah Khamenei then said that the Islamic views differ from the current political systems in the world in that it considers the custodianship over people as monopoly of God and that people's rule over other people was only acceptable if it followed certain procedures stipulated in Koran and the conduct of the Allah's Messenger Hazrat Muhammad and his true successors.

"By this viewpoint, public delegation would turn into a Divine-rooted custodianship and the same process would make the parliamentary ratifications religiously compulsory," Ayatollah Khamenei added.

Pointing to his statement on the occasion of inauguration of the 8th Majlis, Ayatollah Khamenei said, "The parliament's ratifications should be comprehensive, durable, clear, expertly and focused on people's problems. They should be affordable to be implemented in different conditions and assure people about their future decisions.

The IR Leader advised the three branches of government to interact to solve their differences, adding, "If differences rise over scope of authority, it can be solved through interaction, referring to the Constitution and using

standpoints of elites."

Ayatollah Khamenei warned the representatives to avoid being influenced by unpopular power folds inside the society and preserve their independence in decision-making.

The IR Leader termed the Constitutional supervision of the parliament as very important, adding, "The representatives should be vigilant to keep the supervision from being transformed into conflict with other branches of power."

He expressed his deep and sincere thanks to the former speaker of Majlis, Gholam-Ali Haddad Adel for his efforts to block potential differences between Majlis and other branches of government.

Ayatollah Khamenei also urged the lawmakers not to allow formation of new aristocratic classes. "You should be pious and remain pious and resist against complex seditions."

The IR Leader termed self-purification as the basis of all successes and advised the elected representatives to seek God's help and appeal to Koran and appreciate their short 4-year term.