

CHAPTER V CONCLUSION

Nuclear is a symbol of power and advance technology. Every country has a right to acquire their nuclear energy program to help them improving education, economy and even technology matter in a safe way which was guaranteed by NPT treaty formed on July 1, 1968. The problem might arise when the nuclear energy program turned out to be a weapon capability that might develop into nuclear-arm races in the future.

For Middle East states such as Israel, the Iranian nuclear development is the biggest threat. The fact that Israel and Iran are long term enemies which live in the same continent, made the nuclear issue grow bigger and full of tension. Israel definitely had a desire to eliminate the Iran nuclear development which was supported by its closest ally, The United States. There were many factors that contributed in the U.S. decision to take quick step on Iran nuclear development, such as Iranian leaders characteristic who were difficult to cooperate with the United States. It also claimed that they would threaten America's position in Middle East and also the security of Israel in the region.

America from time to time has tirelessly tried to make Iranian government give up on its nuclear program, but the result is always the same. Iran insisted to continue its program no matter what and fearlessly fight back all the judgement coming from America and its alliances. There were several effort made to give a high pressure to Iranian government for their extreme reaction, for instances,

imposing military and economy sanction and limiting the Iranian space to interact with global community.

The most effective way to advocate and influence the U.S. decision regarding Iran nuclear dispute is through lobbying the congressional member and senate, things that Israel are difficult for to conduct directly. Meanwhile, the existence of its pro's Israel lobbying group is quiet beneficial for Israel whenever the country need assistance from its eternal ally through U.S. foreign policy decision. However, due to American Jews interest group, including AIPAC which was known to be the most prominent one, Israel has gained a lot from America even up to now, especially in term of Military assistance and Israel security protection in the Middle East.

When the case of Iranian nuclear issue is getting complex and very intense to debate, Israel inevitably needs the U.S. assistance for giving pressure to Iranian government. Since then, the U.S. has consistently imposed Iran on sanction in term of military and economy sector. The U.S. even persistently reported the Iran hidden activity and declared Iran's explicit purpose regarding its nuclear energy development to IAEA.

In April 2012, when the idea to negotiate the Iran nuclear was launched, Israel fastened its seat belt and was cautious on what kind of deal would be generated. In the long process of negotiation, AIPAC never rested to follow all the progress that was made by the P5+Iran in Vienna. The negotiation was hardly to achieve. It can be seen by the extended time provided to reach every point of the agreement. When all the involving country who contributes in negotiation process insisted to finish the agreement on July 2015 as the deadline time, on June

2015, AIPAC surprisingly reported its 5 requirements of a good deal and the achievement they made, which was the congress statement intended to Barack Obama. AIPAC also lobbied the congressman who was loyal with the group and ask for support to the Jews state by initiating another advance Iran sanction bill aimed to sabotage the deal and press Iran to give up on its nuclear development.

When the JCPOA agreement was reached on point on July 2015, it was actually not the end of American journey to overcome Iran nuclear crisis nor AIPAC to protect Israel from Iran nuclear threats. The Obama's decision on JCPOA agreement, in fact, brought many disagreements from his own citizens, including American politician and American – Jews interest groups, were also known alternately issuing their opinion regarding the controversial decision. Most of them argued that the agreement could only give benefits the most to Iran, because the negotiation output itself. They claimed, one of the concerns was not for the present condition but in the next 10 years when the deal was reached to the breakout time and also whether or not the agreement can block Iranian nuclear to generate nuclear bomb proliferation in the future.

During the 60days of congress reviewing documents for further ratification, again, AIPAC showed the extraordinary performance through its lobbying capability to congress and senators. Perhaps, there were no other American Jews group in America that have an ability to conduct lobbying as fantastic as AIPAC did.

With the amount of money that AIPAC has, the group succeeded to grow into strong compatible interest group which was quite dominant in U.S. politics. AIPAC never

left Israel behind for every issue related the Jews state including when the Issue of Iranian nuclear weapon threatened Israel security and position in the Middle East. Because of that, a number of lobbying processes had been conducted prior the JCPOA and after the JCPOA was achieved, including when the document passed to congress for further ratification. Despite of the result announced regarding JCPOA agreement at last, one that was needed to emphasize here is the AIPAC ability to lobby the House of Representative and Senator what AIPAC did was beyond other American-Jews group in the U.S. could ever imagined. It also explained the invisible activities behind Congress williness to initiate Iran nuclear-related sanction when the process of Iran nuclear agreement was still on negotiated.

The biggest frightener was perhaps the decision to lift Iran sanction from all charges. Iran entering new global economy will be a new great phase for its economy improvement, considering that for a long time the country was in economy embargo which block Iran to export its oil to several regions such as EU nations and America allies country. Beside, the result of JCPOA agreement only prevented Iran from obtaining a nuclear enrichment level in a decade. It has possibility for Iran to destabilize the agreement in the breakout time. When the moment has come, Iran is possible to increase its Uranium and proliferation level up to nuclear weapon capability. As we can imagine, in more decades, Iran will possibly turns to be a country with strong compatibility in term of Military and economy sector, which probably would rivalry Israel in the region and threatens their security.

Despite of all the controversies regarding the JCPOA agreement, there is a well cooperation of Iranian government up to now to follow all the regulation and permit IAEA for doing an inspection regularly to their nuclear site. This needs to be appreciated. IAEA also released all the achievement they made since the implementation of JCPOA as well as provided the future plan which soon will be achieved. Perhaps, the case of Iran nuclear would not be growing as big as today, if Iranian leader is well cooperated with America and its allies, ultimately Israel. The case of nuclear would not be complicated as today, if it was not Iran, the Israel ultimate enemy.