Mr. Speaker, the outburst

of hateful and irresponsible rhetoric

coming from Iran in recent days

and weeks is simply outrageous.

In October, Iranian President

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad sparked international

outrage when he publicly declared

that Israel should be ‘‘wiped off

the map.’’ Just last week, he suggested

that the Holocaust never happened.

This week, he called for Israel to be

moved to Europe.

Nations, including the U.S., France,

Germany, and the European Commission,

have all expressed their disgust

with these comments. The Israeli Foreign

Ministry spokesman, Mark Regev,

said it best when he said, ‘‘The combination

of fanatical ideology, a

warped sense of reality, and nuclear

weapons is a combination that no one

in the international community can

accept.’’

He is absolutely right. These comments

were not made by some cleric of

some small mosque. He is a head of

state, and to think of him having nuclear

weapons is frightening. It threatens

not only Israel, but the international

community as a whole, and

should be denounced in the strongest

terms possible by all nations.