

Another knee-jerk reaction?

THE OFFICE E-MAIL Wednesday included a missive from the Conservative Party of Canada deploring the Liberal government's decision to follow the United States and European Union in lifting sanctions against Iran.

Although the reaction was to be expected from a party that imposed the sanctions and in 2012 closed Canada's embassy in Tehran, we were left wondering just what had been accomplished by the hard-line approach taken by the Harper government.

Although lifting the sanctions and resuming diplomatic relations likely won't accomplish much, either, it will at least make it easier to deal with problems as they arise.

The only reason the other nations have lifted the sanctions is that international inspectors have found Iran has lived up to its promise to abandon enrichment of uranium, a key to developing its own nuclear arms.