

## **Iran Toplines**

**A Very Good Deal:** After many months of principled diplomacy, the P5+1—the United States, the United Kingdom, France, China, Russia and Germany—along with the European Union, have achieved a long-term comprehensive deal that will verifiably prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon and ensure Iran’s nuclear program will be exclusively peaceful.

This Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) is a very good deal. It effectively cuts off all of Iran’s pathways to a nuclear weapon and ensures the inspections and transparency necessary to verify that Iran is complying. Sanctions will snap back into place if Iran violates the deal.

The President made clear that he would not accept any backtracking from Iran and would not agree to anything that did not live up to the framework that was announced in April. The agreement we’ve reached does that and then some.

**Built on Verification Over the Long-Term:** This deal is not built on trust – it’s built on verification. The agreement includes the most comprehensive and intrusive verification regime that we have ever negotiated. It ensures both timely and effective International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) access to any site in Iran necessary in order to verify Iran’s compliance, including military sites such as Parchin.

This is a long-term deal that will give us a permanent capability to ensure that Iran’s program is peaceful. For ten years, Iran will be subject to the strictest limitations on its facilities, domestic enrichment capacity, and research and development. Other provisions extend for 15 and 25 years with some elements lasting forever.

Iran has committed to address all of the outstanding issues with regards to the Possible Military Dimensions of its nuclear program in a comprehensive and timely manner.

**Sanctions Relief Dependent on Compliance:** Iran will only receive UN, EU, and U.S. sanctions relief beyond existing levels after the IAEA verifies that Iran has implemented the key nuclear-related measures agreed upon in the agreement. Sanctions levied for non-nuclear reasons will remain in effect and will continue to be vigorously enforced. The agreement includes a dispute resolution mechanism that clearly lays out the procedure for quickly snapping back all UN, EU, and U.S. sanctions in the event Iran reneges. Neither Iran, Russia, or China – or all 3 together – can block the snapback of sanctions.

**Not Letting Iran Off the Hook:** As is the case today, the United States will always retain the right to take whatever steps necessary to protect our security and prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon if it chooses to renege. In fact, this deal puts us in a better position to do so, if necessary, in the future.

Even with this deal, we’re not letting Iran off the hook. We will continue to work closely with Israel, our Gulf allies, and other partners to combat Iranian support for terrorism and counter Iran’s destabilizing activities in the region. Indeed, we will maintain our own sanctions on Iran over its terrorist activities, human rights abuses, and ballistic missile program. We also will sustain our efforts to bring home the U.S. citizens detained in and missing from Iran.