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Trump: Stop your hypocrisy and uphold the P5 + 1 nuclear deal



ICSFT firmly believes in the necessity of upholding of international human rights and humanitarian mechanisms by all peoples and states, regardless of their purported status or power. No country has the right to ignore international laws or agreements. **Trump's inconsistent and imperialistic vacillating on Iran's 5+1 nuclear weapons deal is in violation of basic standards of international norms and rights.**

The deal is known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, BARJAM, or as P5 +1 or 5+1. The latter refers to the parties of the deal: the 5 permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, plus Germany, and the European Union.

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Formal negotiations for the deal first began in 2013, with the P5 +1 countries deliberating with Iran to lower its stockpile of uranium. In 2015 an agreement was reached, in which Iran agreed to cut its stockpile of uranium by 98%, and reduce its gas centrifuges- another critical component in the creation of nuclear weapons- by two thirds over the following 13 years.

Iran agreed to these and several other addition restrictions on processes and substances related to the creation of nuclear weapons, in exchange for an end to economic sanctions by the P5+ 1 states.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was created to monitor Iran's completion of the agreed upon restrictions. In the years since the agreement was signed, the agency has had access to Iran's processing facilities. A result of these reviews was a certification of Iran's successful fulfilment of its obligations.

However, in 2017, in reference to the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act, Donald Trump stated that the certificate would not be provided to Iran again, stating that Iran had defied the "spirit" of the act, and that he would "address the deal's many serious flaws so that the Iranian regime can never threaten the world with nuclear weapons," and that the deal was "one of the worst and most one-sided transactions the United States has ever entered into." **Trump continues to threaten to leave the deal,** and has been vacillating since on possibly doing so.

Iran has spoken clearly about the recklessness of Trump and allies in their consideration of leaving the deal: **Hassan Rouhani, the President of Iran stated that "Exiting such an agreement would have - would carry a high cost for the United States of America"**

Rohani has flagged Trump's qualifications for making high level decisions, saying of him: "You don't have any background in politics. You don't have any background in law. You don't have any background on international treaties. How can a tradesman, a merchant, a building constructor, a tower constructor make judgments about international affairs."

In spite of the pressure by Iran and the rest of the international community, as of April 2018, **Trump is threatening to enact economic sanctions against Iran again in the next month, in violation of the terms of the agreement.**

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Rohani has noted that no country should have nuclear weapons, and that Trump and the P5+1 countries are acting hypocritically. The US had, as of 2017, 4,018 nuclear weapons alone.

ICSFT stands with Iran in its integrous stance towards nuclear weapons, and towards the commendable, diplomatic upholding of international agreements. Trump is a hypocrite- he has stated: "My first order as President was to renovate and modernize our nuclear arsenal. It is now far stronger and more powerful than ever before." He, and his allies do not have the right or authority to impose sanctions on Iran when Iran has been upholding its agreed upon duties to the international community. **ICSFT calls upon states including the 5 +1- China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, plus Germany, and the European Union- to stop acting with violent hypocrisy, and to step up against an international bully-** and truly support the international agreements that are the foundation and cornerstone of diplomacy and peace.