

THE HIGH REP ON BEHALF OF THE EU DELIVERS A STATMNT ON THE JCPOA OVER IRAN

JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION

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The EU fully supports the IAEA's objective, independent and impartial work in monitoring and verifying of Iran's nuclear-related commitments. We firmly believe that full and timely cooperation by Iran with the IAEA remains crucial to ensure the exclusively peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear programme.-----

We recall the Declaration of the High Representative on behalf of the EU of 11 January on Iran's nuclear activities, in which we deeply regretted the worrying steps taken by Iran over the last two years. We continue to call on Iran to stop and reverse all actions that are inconsistent with its commitments under the JCPOA-----

We acknowledge the issues connected to the unilateral withdrawal of the United States from the agreement and the re-imposition of sanctions by it. Despite the severe challenges to the JCPOA, the EU has continued to uphold its commitments and to work hard to preserve the JCPOA. We welcome the prospect of a US return to the JCPOA and Iran's return to full JCPOA implementation. We strongly support the ongoing intense diplomatic efforts, and the contacts of the EU High Representative as JCPOA Coordinator with all relevant partners." Source: European Union

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