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Understanding **THE IRANIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT**

Hadassah recognizes the efforts of the United States and members of the international community to secure a diplomatic solution to the issue of Iran's nuclear program. While the deal does impose some crucial restrictions on Iran's nuclear program, Hadassah remains alarmed that the proposed agreement will not prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons.

Urge your legislators to insist that the agreement must guarantee Iran's **transparency** about its nuclear activities, **security safeguards**, and compliance prior to the lifting of any **economic sanctions**—issues that Hadassah's National Board and Delegates voted on as prerequisites of any deal.

Now is the time to advocate for Israel and its safety! We must eliminate all pathways to a nuclear-armed Iran—an immediate and existential threat to Israel, the region, and people everywhere.

TRANSPARENCY

We support the substantial inspection regime of Iran's known facilities and nuclear supply chain outlined in the deal. However, Iran has shown time and time again that it cannot be trusted. This agreement must be based on transparency and verification, not trust.



- If the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) or the international community suspect Iran of nuclear activities in non-disclosed sites, they are not permitted to surprise Iran with inspections. The agreement stipulates prior notice, approval, and potential appeal process that could take as long as 24 days, giving Iran the potential to hide aspects of its activities.
- Iran is suspected to have military dimensions of its nuclear enrichment and weapons development program. The IAEA has been privately working with Iran to identify Iran's prior military activities. However, the deal does not impose consequences to ensure that Iran fully cooperates with the IAEA investigation.
- The U.S. should pressure the IAEA to disclose a final report and work with international leaders to outline the ramifications for Iran if the IAEA is not satisfied with Iran's transparency.



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SECURITY SAFEGUARDS

International leaders from across the spectrum acknowledge that Iran is currently only months away from the ability to produce a nuclear weapon. Under the deal, Iran must take immediate steps such as reducing its store of low-enriched uranium, decreasing its number of active centrifuges, and converting its Arak heavy water reactor from plutonium enrichment to a research and development facility. Key nuclear restrictions are lifted after eight years, and Iran can enrich uranium beyond nuclear power quality in 15 years.

While the agreement provides some temporary safeguards, it strengthens and provides legitimacy to Iran's long-term pathway to nuclear-capability.



- Iran must disconnect, but not destroy or export, thousands of centrifuges.
- The deal supports Iran's development and study of non-nuclear isotopes—research that can be easily applied to developing fissile material in the future.
- After 5 years, the arms embargo preventing Iran from purchasing any conventional weapons will be lifted. After 8 years, prohibitions on Iran's purchase of ballistic missiles will expire.
- While other UN resolutions are in place to restrict some of Iran's purchase, any opportunity for Iran to purchase weapons opens the door for those weapons to find their way into the wrong hands. Terrorist groups like Hezbollah and Hamas would not hesitate to use nuclear weapons or "dirty bombs" combining conventional weapons with radioactive material.

ECONOMIC SANCTIONS

Sanctions on Iran's human rights violations and support for terrorism remain in place, and sanctions will not be lifted until Iran meets initial technical requirements. A UN resolution could reinstate sanctions if Iran significantly violates the deal. Nevertheless, substantial concerns remain about the timeframe of lifting sanctions and Iran's access to over \$150 billion.



- The deal restricts and regulates Iranian nuclear activity in several phases, yet all nuclear sanctions are lifted immediately upon the IAEA verifying that Iran has met the deal's technical requirements.
- Without sustained economic pressure Iran is more likely to violate or abandon the process.
- Upon IAEA testifying that Iran has met initial technical requirements, Iran will gain access to \$150 billion.
- This rapid influx of capital, without proper international oversight, will allow Iran to expand its funding of international terrorism.
- Iran has also publically stated that it will abandon the agreement if sanctions are resumed, so reinstating sanctions is only a step of last recourse.
- The agreement actively excludes any consequences for more minor Iranian infractions that must be addressed without abandoning the full agreement.