



INSPECTIONS AND  
VERIFICATION



POSSIBLE MILITARY  
DIMENSIONS



SANCTIONS



DURATION



DISMANTLEMENT

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**Minimum Requirement:** Iran's nuclear weapons quest must be blocked for decades.

**Proposed Deal:** This deal is dangerous because it legitimizes Iran's nuclear program and enables it to become a nuclear threshold state. It begins to lift key nuclear restrictions after eight years, and grants Iran virtually instant breakout time after 15 years.

**A Definitive End:** One fundamental flaw with the Iran nuclear deal is that even if Iran fully adheres to the agreement, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) will have legitimized Iran's nuclear program and paved Iran's path to a nuclear weapon after just 15 years. At that time, key constraints on the number and type of centrifuges Iran may install, the number of enrichment facilities it may construct, plutonium reprocessing,<sup>1</sup> stockpiles of nuclear material,<sup>2</sup> advanced centrifuge research and development,<sup>3</sup> and Iran's ballistic missiles program<sup>4</sup> will evaporate. Iran will have a clear, legally sound way to breakout within days if it chooses.

**Temporary Restrictions, Permanent Relief:** This deal grants Iran permanent sanctions relief in exchange for temporary limitations on its nuclear program. The international sanctions infrastructure will be dismantled in exchange for Iran extending its breakout time by a matter of months throughout the duration of the deal.

**Limits on R&D Vanish:** According to the nuclear agreement, Iran is permitted to begin testing advanced IR-6 and IR-8 centrifuge models after eight-and-a-half years.<sup>5</sup> Enshrining Iran's right to operate these advanced models—capable of enriching uranium far faster than Iran's current IR-1 centrifuges—will allow it to break out within days after the restrictions have been lifted.

**Empowering Iranian Leadership:** Despite decades of illicit nuclear activity, this deal rewards Iran with up to \$150 billion currently locked up abroad and the restoration of international economic and financial ties. The agreement will entrench the current regime and discourage moderate forces. There are no guarantees or assurances that the Iranian regime will be more peaceful or moderate in 15 years than it has been for the past 35 years.

**"A final agreement with Iran must put in place a long-term inspections and verification regime, and associated limitations on Iran's nuclear program that lasts at least 20 years."**

– Letter to President Obama signed by a bipartisan group of 28 senators on July 25, 2014

**"Verifiable constraints on Iran's nuclear program must last for decades."**

– Letter to President Obama signed by 367 House members on March 20, 2015

<sup>1</sup> Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), Section B, Paragraph 12

<sup>2</sup> JCPOA, Section A, Paragraph 7

<sup>3</sup> JCPOA, Section A, Paragraph 3

<sup>4</sup> United Nations Security Council Resolution 2231, Annex B, Paragraph 3

<sup>5</sup> JCPOA, Section A, Paragraph 3