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## Iranian Statements Raise Red Flags on Compliance

It will be difficult to have any confidence in compliance elements of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) without a clear public agreement between the United States and Iran about the deal's terms. Unfortunately, from the very moment of the deal's announcement, Iranian leaders have directly contradicted U.S. positions and denied their key commitments. Iran's claims call into question numerous essential elements of the deal. Congress must, at a minimum, insist that Iran fully acknowledge its obligations under the JCPOA and U.N. Security Council Resolution 2231.

### Military Site Inspections:

". . . refusal to allow inspection or refusal to accept any restrictions in the defense and missile spheres . . . has been fully achieved through the deal."

- *Foreign Minister Javad Zarif, July 21, 2015*

"The access of inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency or from any other body to Iran's military centers is forbidden."

- *Ali Akbar Velayati, Adviser to Supreme Leader Khamenei, July 21, 2015*

"We will by no means allow any [foreign] authority access to our military and security secret."

- *Defense Minister Brigadier General Hossein Dehqan, July 21, 2015*



Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif and Head of Atomic Energy Organization of Iran Ali Akbar Salehi have released troubling statements regarding Iranian compliance on key components of the nuclear deal.

### Possible Military Dimensions (PMD):

"By December 15, at the end of the year, the issue (of the PMD) should be determined. The IAEA will submit its report to the board of governors. It will only submit it. The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action will continue independently of the results of this report."

- *Ali Akbar Salehi, Head of Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, July 22, 2015*

"There is no separate agreement for Parchin inspections and inspections will be conducted only within the framework of the agreement [with the IAEA]."

- *Ali Akbar Salehi, Head of Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, July 25, 2015*

### Snap-back sanctions:

"Swarming of businesses to Iran for investing their money is the biggest barrier for such an action [re-imposing sanctions on Iran], and American officials have been very concerned

about this. ... Once the structure of the sanctions collapses, it will be impossible to reconstruct it."

- *Foreign Minister Javad Zarif, July 21, 2015*

### **Duration:**

"The U.N. Security Council's resolution says clearly that the timeframe of agreement is 10 years, and Iran's case will be closed in the Security Council after that. If the U.S. and any other member of P5+1 say they want to adopt a new resolution after 10 years allowing sanctions to be re-imposed, it is the breach of Vienna agreement and has no credibility."

- *Deputy Foreign Minister and chief nuclear negotiator Abbas Araqchi, July 22, 2015*

### **Ballistic Missiles**

"Missile-related issues have never been on agenda of the nuclear talks and the Islamic system will resolutely implement its programs in this field."

- *Defense Minister Brig. Gen. Hossein Dehqan, July 26, 2015*

"I say explicitly that the Islamic Republic of Iran will never back down on its defensive stance and will manufacture any type of missile deemed to be in its interest, [including] liquid-fueled or solid-fueled and short-range or long-range [missiles]."

- *Ali Akbar Velayati, Adviser to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, July 21, 2015*

### **Arms Embargo**

"Whenever we consider it necessary for our own security, [or] to help our allies in the region we will provide weapons. ... We don't feel shy. We will provide weapons to whomever and whenever we consider appropriate. And we will buy weapons from wherever we can."

- *Deputy Foreign Minister and chief nuclear negotiator Abbas Araqchi, July 22, 2015*

"No one can tell us which weapons we can have.... Except nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction, Iran will continue making all the missiles, fighter jets, anti-missile defense systems, tanks and other armored equipment it needs."

- *Ali Akbar Velayati, Adviser to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, July 21, 2015*

"Some of the points inserted in the draft are clearly in contradiction to the Islamic Republic of Iran's major red lines and violate them, particularly regarding arms capabilities, and we'll never accept it."

- *Maj. Gen. Mohammad Ali Jafari, Head of IRGC, July 20, 2015*