

### Reviewing A Nuclear Agreement: By What Standards?

Over the past several years, strong majorities in the House and Senate have carefully enunciated the basic American requirements for a final agreement on Iran's nuclear program. Congress has made clear that a good deal must eliminate every Iranian pathway to a nuclear weapon. Congress' previous expressions provide important guidelines for its future review, under the provisions of the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015, should the P5+1 and Iran reach a final agreement. Each of the requirements below must be met to close off Iran's path to a nuclear weapon.



#### 1. INSPECTIONS AND VERIFICATION

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- Any inspections regime "should include an agreement granting the IAEA necessary access to inspect all suspect sites, including military facilities."  
– Letter to President Obama signed by 391 House members on March 18, 2014
- "Any inspection and verification regime must allow for short notice access to suspect locations."  
– Letter to President Obama signed by 367 House members on March 20, 2015
- "We believe Iran must also submit to a long-term and intrusive inspection and verification regime."  
– Letter to President Obama signed by 83 Senators on March 18, 2014



#### 2. POSSIBLE MILITARY DIMENSIONS

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- "Unless we have a full understanding of Iran's past program, it will be impossible for the international community to judge Iran's future breakout time with certainty."  
– Letter to President Obama signed by 367 House members on March 20, 2015
- Any agreement "must fully explain the questionable activities in which [Iran] engaged at Parchin and other facilities."  
– Letter to President Obama signed by 83 Senators on March 18, 2014
- "An agreement that effectively prevents Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapons capability demands transparency on the extensive research and development work that Iran has undertaken in the past."  
– Letter to Secretary of State Kerry signed by 354 House members on October 1, 2014



### 3. DISMANTLEMENT

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- “We are hopeful a permanent diplomatic agreement will require dismantlement of Iran’s nuclear weapons-related infrastructure...such that Iran will not be able to develop, build, or acquire a nuclear weapon.”  
– Letter to President Obama signed by 391 House members on March 18, 2014
- “Any agreement must dismantle Iran’s nuclear weapons program and prevent it from ever having a uranium or plutonium path to a nuclear bomb.”  
– Letter to President Obama signed by 83 Senators on March 18, 2014
- “Iran has no reason to have an enrichment facility like Fordow.”  
– Letter to President Obama signed by 83 Senators on March 18, 2014



### 4. SANCTIONS

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- “We anticipate that any sanctions relief would be phased in over a lengthy period of time to allow the opportunity to gauge Iranian compliance. Further, the consequences for Iran of non-compliance or breach must be stipulated in the agreement. Any violation of the agreement must be met with a robust U.S. and international response.”  
– Letter to President Obama signed by 24 Senators on July 14, 2014



### 5. DURATION

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- “Verifiable constraints on Iran’s nuclear program must last for decades.”  
– Letter to President Obama signed by 367 House members on March 20, 2015