

U.S. Must Uphold Requirements for a Good Deal

The Obama administration has frequently gone on the record outlining its requirements for a good agreement – one that cuts off all pathways to a nuclear weapon – with Iran. Below are the statements from the administration.



1. INSPECTIONS AND VERIFICATION

Inspectors must be permitted unimpeded access to suspect sites.

- “We can envision a comprehensive agreement that involves extraordinary constraints and verification mechanisms and intrusive inspections, but that permits Iran to have a peaceful nuclear program.”

– President Barack Obama, Saban Forum, Dec. 7, 2013

- “On the military sites ... there will have to be the ability for the IAEA to conduct inspections...”

– Deputy National Security Advisor Ben Rhodes, News Briefing, April 10, 2015

2. POSSIBLE MILITARY DIMENSIONS

Iran must fully explain its prior weaponization efforts.



- “No. They have to do it [disclose past military-related nuclear activities]. It will be done. If there’s going to be a deal; it will be done. ... It will be part of a final agreement. It has to be.”

– Secretary of State John Kerry, PBS Newshour, April 8, 2015

- “...we have required that Iran come clean on its past actions as part of any comprehensive agreement...”

– U.S. Negotiator Wendy Sherman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Feb. 4, 2014

3. DURATION

Iran’s nuclear weapons quest must be blocked for decades.



- “Our goal is to reach a mutually-agreed long-term comprehensive solution that would ensure Iran’s program will be exclusively peaceful.”

– U.S. Negotiator Wendy Sherman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Feb. 4, 2014

- “There will be no sunset to the deal that we are working to finalize – no sunset, none.”

– Secretary of State John Kerry, April 2, 2015

4. SANCTIONS

Sanctions relief must commence only after Iran complies with its commitments.



- “It is the strong view of the administration that it would not be wise ... to simply take away sanctions on day one.”
– Deputy National Security Advisor Ben Rhodes, Israeli TV interview, April 6, 2015
- “U.S. and E.U. nuclear-related sanctions will be suspended after the IAEA has verified that Iran has taken all of its key nuclear-related steps. If at any time Iran fails to fulfill its commitments, these sanctions will snap back into place.”
– U.S. State Department, Parameters for a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action Regarding the Islamic Republic of Iran’s Nuclear Program, April 2, 2015
- “U.S. sanctions on Iran for terrorism, human rights abuses, and ballistic missiles will remain in place under the deal.”
– U.S. State Department, Parameters for a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action Regarding the Islamic Republic of Iran’s Nuclear Program, April 2, 2015

5. DISMANTLEMENT

Iran must dismantle its nuclear infrastructure so it has no path to a nuclear weapon.



- “Iran will be required to agree to strict limits and constraints on all aspects of its nuclear program, to include the dismantlement of significant portions of its nuclear infrastructure.”
– White House Press Secretary Jay Carney, Press Briefing, Jan. 23, 2014
- “We are willing to consider a very limited, very intrusive, very heavily monitored, small limited enrichment program if it becomes a necessary. But nothing is agreed until every thing is agreed.”
– U.S. Negotiator Wendy Sherman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Feb. 4, 2014
- “Now, in terms of specifics, we know that they don’t need to have a underground, fortified facility like Fordow in order to have a peaceful nuclear program.”
– President Barack Obama, Saban Forum, Dec. 7, 2013