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Obama Administration Reaffirms Goal of Full Iranian Nuclear Suspension

The Obama administration has reaffirmed that one of the principal goals of constructive engagement with Iran is achieving Iran's suspension of enrichment and verifiably abandoning its pursuit of nuclear weapons capability.

Today, Iran is in violation of its obligations under the NPT and U.N. Security Council.

Iran is rapidly advancing its nuclear pursuit. It has already amassed enough nuclear material to make at least one nuclear device. There must be stark urgency to international efforts to get Iran to stop enriching uranium. The United States and our allies must be prepared to impose increasingly biting economic and political sanctions on Iran if it rebuffs engagement and continues its illicit nuclear work.

As leading House Democrats – including the House Majority Leader and Chairmen of the Foreign Affairs, Intelligence, Armed Services and Energy committees – told President Obama in a [recent letter](#), “Engagement must be serious and credible, but it cannot be open-ended,” adding “We cannot allow Iran to use diplomatic discussions as a cover for continuing to work on its nuclear program. Iran must verifiably suspend its uranium enrichment program within at most a few months of the initiation of discussions.”

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