



IRAN180 Statement on the November 24, 2013 Geneva interim agreement on the Iranian nuclear program between Iran and the P5+1

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We, the co-chairs of Iran180, recognize that the deal struck this past weekend between the P5+1 and Iran is a significant initial attempt at curbing Iran's nuclear weapons ambitions. We remain open to seeing that the agreement works as intended, resulting in the ultimate goal, preventing Iran from reaching nuclear weapons capability.

Nevertheless, it is worth underscoring that this interim deal is only a first step along that path. Iran, through its past actions in developing nuclear weapons, committing human rights abuses, conducting ballistic missile tests, acting as a state sponsor of terror through Hezbollah, and supporting the brutal Assad regime in Syria, has shown that it must prove that it is deserving of the world's trust. Moreover, recent reports on Iran's human rights record, the imprisonment of an American Christian pastor, and renewed overt threats to destroy Israel show that Iran is still very much a danger to the people of the world. Iran must prove itself worthy of entering into final status negotiations at the end of this six month term by fulfilling each and every obligation stipulated in this agreement.

At the same time, it is imperative that the United States and the other members of the P5+1 maintain their vigilance during the next six months and hold Iran to the letter of the agreement. In the event that Iran fails to live up to its side of the deal in any respect, we expect the members of the P5+1 to take the appropriate serious and significant actions. We will hold the United States and P5+1 to their words that new sanctions and other punitive measures will be used in the event that Iran proves to be as untrustworthy as many believe them to be.

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