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## HISTORIC IRAN DEAL FINALLY SIGNED TO PREVENT IRAN FROM ACQUIRING NUCLEAR WEAPON

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**USPA NEWS** - After months of principled diplomacy, the P5+1 -- USA, UK, France, China, Russia and Germany, along with the EU, have achieved a long-term comprehensive nuclear deal with Iran that will verifiably prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon ensuring the nuclear program will be exclusively peaceful.

#### US SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN KERRY JOINED BY OTHER EU AND P5+1 COUNTRIES AFTER SIGNING THE NUCLEAR DEAL IN VIENNA-----

After two years of negotiations, the P5+1 -- the United States, the United Kingdom, France, China, Russia, and Germany -- along with the European Union, achieved a comprehensive, long-term nuclear deal with Iran. In a statement this morning, President Barack Obama said, "Today because America negotiated from a position of strength and principle, we have stopped the spread of nuclear weapons in this region. Because of this deal, the international community will be able to verify that the Islamic Republic of Iran will not develop a nuclear weapon." - The comprehensive agreement between Iran and six world powers is the most significant multilateral nuclear agreement in two decades "" the last such agreement was the 1996 nuclear test ban treaty "" said Tariq Rauf, former Head of Verification and Security Policy at the IAEA currently Director of the Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Programme at SIPRI (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute). The nuclear deal seals the award of the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize to US Secretary of State Jon Kerry and Iran's Foreign Minister Javad Zarif, said Rauf. Earlier today, Secretary of State John Kerry and Energy Secretary Dr. Moniz joined Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius, German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, European Union High Representative Federica Mogherini, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, Head of the Iranian Atomic Energy Organization Ali Akbar Salehi, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, and British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond for a group picture before the final plenary session about the future of Iran's nuclear program at the UN Office in Vienna, Austria, on July 14, 2015.

On the official photo : Secretary Kerry and #Iran's Foreign Minister Zarif shake hands after the European Union, United States, and the rest of its P5+1 partners reached an agreement with Iran earlier today. #IranDeal

#### CONTEXT : IRAN 'S FOUR POSSIBLE WAYS TO LEVERAGE FISSILE MATERIALS ARE BLOCKED (URANIUM AND PLUTONIUM)-----

Building a nuclear bomb requires either uranium or plutonium. But because of this deal, Iran's four possible ways to leverage those fissile materials are blocked. President Obama underscored, "This deal meets every single one of the bottom lines that we established when we achieved a framework this spring. Every pathway to a nuclear weapon is cut off, and the inspection and transparency regime necessary to verify that objective will be put in place." Here's how:

"¢ Iran must reduce its stockpile of uranium by 98 percent, and will keep its level of uranium enrichment at 3.67 percent -- significantly below the enrichment level needed to create a bomb.

"¢ Iran also needs tens of thousands of centrifuges to create highly enriched uranium for a bomb. Under this deal, Iran must reduce its centrifuges from nearly 20,000 to 6,104 for the next ten years.

"¢ Iran needs weapons-grade plutonium to build a nuclear weapon. The only site where Iran could accomplish this is the Arak reactor, a heavy-water nuclear reactor, which will be redesigned so it cannot produce any weapons-grade plutonium. Iran will not be able to build a single heavy-water reactor for at least 15 years -- leaving Iran with no source for weapons-grade plutonium.

"¢ Iran has committed to extraordinary and robust monitoring, verification, and inspection. International inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) be continuously monitoring every element of Iran's declared nuclear program, and verifying that no fissile material is covertly carted off to a secret location to build a bomb.

President Obama said "I am confident that this deal will meet the national security interests of the United States and our allies. So I will veto any legislation that prevents the successful implementation of this deal. We do not have to accept an inevitable spiral into conflict. And we certainly shouldn't seek it." Source : state.gov

Iran will implement the IAEA additional protocol and allow “‘managed access’ to certain military locations, such as Parchin, to allay concerns about possible nuclear weaponization activities, and limit its uranium enrichment capacity.

A side-beneficiary of the Iran nuclear deal is the IAEA Director General, Yukiya Amano, who is seeking early endorsement of a third term in office 2017-2021, according to diplomatic sources in Vienna.

For more information: <http://wh.gov/IranDeal>, <http://blogs.state.gov/stories/2015/07/14/historic-deal-prevent-iran-acquiring-nuclear-weapon#sthash.NEEBvvn1.dpuf>, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, <http://blogs.state.gov/stories/2015/07/14/historic-deal-prevent-iran-acquiring-nuclear-weapon#sthash.NEEBvvn1.dpuf>

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