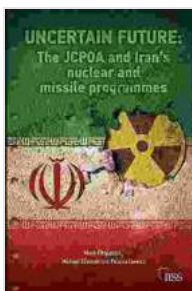


# The JCPOA and Iran's Nuclear and Missile Programmes: A Comprehensive Analysis

The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), also known as the Iran nuclear deal, was a landmark agreement signed in 2015 between Iran and the P5+1 (the United States, the United Kingdom, France, China, Russia, and Germany). The agreement aimed to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons and to roll back its nuclear programme in exchange for the lifting of international sanctions.

## Key Provisions of the JCPOA

The JCPOA included a number of key provisions, including:



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- Iran agreed to reduce its number of centrifuges, which are used to enrich uranium, by two-thirds.
- Iran agreed to limit its stockpile of enriched uranium to 300 kilograms.

- Iran agreed to redesign its Arak heavy water reactor so that it could not produce plutonium, which can be used to make nuclear weapons.
- Iran agreed to allow international inspectors to monitor its nuclear facilities.
- In return for these concessions, the United States and other countries agreed to lift economic sanctions on Iran.

## Challenges to the JCPOA

The JCPOA has faced a number of challenges since its implementation. These include:

- **US withdrawal:** In 2018, President Donald Trump withdrew the United States from the JCPOA and re-imposed sanctions on Iran.
- **Iranian non-compliance:** Iran has been accused of violating some of the terms of the JCPOA, including by increasing its stockpile of enriched uranium.
- **Regional tensions:** The JCPOA has been a source of tension between Iran and its regional rivals, such as Saudi Arabia and Israel.

## Implications of the JCPOA

The JCPOA has had a number of implications for regional and international security. These include:

- **Non-proliferation:** The JCPOA has helped to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.
- **Regional stability:** The JCPOA has helped to reduce tensions between Iran and its neighbours.

- **International cooperation:** The JCPOA has demonstrated the importance of international cooperation in addressing nuclear proliferation.

The JCPOA is a complex and controversial agreement. However, it has played an important role in preventing Iran from developing nuclear weapons and reducing tensions in the Middle East. The future of the JCPOA is uncertain, but it remains an important tool for international non-proliferation efforts.

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