

Trump's solo run is a dangerous game with fire

Iran agreement

The US President announced today that the US is withdrawing from the Iran Agreement. The agreement was concluded in 2015 between Iran, the United States, the European Union, Russia and China to suspend Iran's nuclear programme and the enrichment of uranium and plutonium and to prevent Iran from producing weapons-grade uranium or plutonium. In return, economic sanctions against Iran were lifted.

Ska Keller, President of the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament, calls for the other contracting parties to abide by the agreement:

"Donald Trump's solo run is a dangerous game with fire. The agreement with Iran reduces the risk of nuclear conflict in the unstable region. The unilateral withdrawal of the American President is irresponsible and fuels the risk of a nuclear arms race.

The European Union must take the initiative to maintain the agreement so that Iran fulfils its commitments under the Iran deal. Economic gains are an incentive for Iran to suspend the nuclear programme, with economic sanctions the deal does not work out anymore."

Philippe Lamberts, President of the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament, called for international control by the International Atomic Energy Agency:

"The US government is escalating the conflict. The International Atomic Energy Agency, the sole responsible for verifying Iran's compliance with the agreement, has confirmed that Iran is fulfilling its obligations. International control creates security and reliability for both sides.

Negotiations on the missile programme and on Iran's military participation in Yemen and Syria cannot take place in the Iran deal as Trump pretends. The European Union should now take the initiative for a regional forum for dialogue and a Middle East free of weapons of mass destruction."

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