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Dear Mr. Pompeo:

Thank you for your July 22 letter to President Obama regarding the nuclear deal between the P5+1, coordinated by the European Union, and Iran.

On July 14, the United States and our international partners concluded an historic deal that, if fully implemented, will verifiably prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. This Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) is the result of nearly 20 months of intensive negotiations since the P5+1 and Iran concluded the interim Joint Plan of Action. Because of our combined diplomatic efforts, the international community will be able to verify that Iran will not obtain a nuclear weapon, and we will have taken an important step in preventing the spread of nuclear weapons in the Middle East.

This deal is based on verification and requires important compliance monitoring and verification by Iran with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). In the JCPOA, Iran committed to take certain steps set forth in the Roadmap agreement negotiated between the IAEA and Iran. This Roadmap and Iran's JCPOA commitment to undertake the steps in it are matters of public record, were posted publicly to the Internet, and were provided to Congress by the State Department on July 19. The IAEA-Iran Roadmap contains steps to clarify possible military dimensions. Under the JCPOA, Iran must complete the steps required of it in this Roadmap by October 15, well in advance of any sanctions relief.

The Honorable
Mike R. Pompeo,
House of Representatives.

The Roadmap refers to two “separate arrangements” between the IAEA and Iran. Within the IAEA system, such arrangements related to safeguards procedures and inspection activities are confidential and are not released to other member states. The United States does not have a right to demand these documents from the IAEA. However, the United States was briefed on these separate arrangements, and we in turn are briefing Congress on them as well in an appropriately classified setting. We have been transparent with Congress about the existence of these arrangements since we submitted the JCPOA, and we are happy to continue these conversations.

On July 19, Congress was provided with everything agreed between the P5+1 and Iran, in full compliance with the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act (INARA). There are no “secret deals” between the P5+1 and Iran and no JCPOA documents that Congress does not have.

The level of engagement with Congress that we have maintained on the nuclear deal has been unprecedented and we look forward to continuing our close consultations. We hope this information is useful to you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julia Frifield".

Julia Frifield
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