



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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The Honorable
Bob Corker, Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

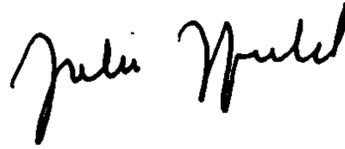
(U) Pursuant to Section 135(d)(6) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (AEA), as amended, including as amended by the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-17), enacted May 22, 2015, we hereby enclose the certification relating to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) between the P5+1, the European Union, and Iran.

(U) As required by the statute, the enclosed certification confirms the suspension of sanctions related to Iran pursuant to the agreement is appropriate and proportionate to the specific and verifiable measures taken by Iran with respect to terminating its illicit nuclear program and vital to the national security interests of the United States. As previously explained, the suspension of sanctions related to Iran pursuant to the JCPOA described in section 17 of Annex V of the JCPOA, will take effect only upon Implementation Day, following confirmation by the Secretary of State that the International Atomic Energy Agency has verified that Iran has completed key nuclear-related commitments as set out in sections 15.1-15.11 of Annex V of the JCPOA.

(U) We look forward to answering any questions you may have on this certification, as well as to providing the semi-annual report pursuant to Section 135(d)(4) of the statute in the near future.

(U) We hope this information is useful. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia Frifield". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'F'.

Julia Frifield
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

As stated.